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Guerrillas block refugees' return

EC backs Hurd over UN police guard for Kurds

From GEORGE BROCK IN MONDORF-LES-BAINS AND CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN BATUFA

DOUGLAS Hurd yesterday won unanimous support from EC foreign ministers for a British plan to replace allied soldiers guarding Kurds in Iraq with armed UN policemen. The plan goes to the UN Security Council today.

The foreign secretary told the BBC that someone other than relief workers would soon be needed to keep the Kurds safe. "They would be UN. They wear their arms under the authority of the UN," he said.

The foreign secretary told a meeting of foreign ministers in Mondorf-les-Bains, Luxembourg, that by creating a civilian protection force the UN could take over the camps in a way which would probably be acceptable to the Iraqis. The plan is essentially a device to avoid the need for a security council resolution to set up a conventional UN peacekeeping force.

Mr Hurd was vague about the size of any proposed force, its arms or when it might be needed. He said that the policemen would need "back-up" and interpreted this as "air cover and the ability to come and go". He added that the UN might take over the camp "within a relatively small number of months — perhaps sooner".

He emphasised that the details would need to be settled at the UN, where Sir David Hannay, the British ambassador, first floated the idea on Friday. Mr Hurd will brief Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan, the UN relief co-ordinator, when the prince visits London today.

UN experts estimate that about 2,000 Kurds are dying every day in the border mountains, where they took refuge from the Iraqi army. Allied forces in northern Iraq have so far failed to convince Kurdish guerrillas that they have made the region secure. Heavily armed Kurdish *peshmerga* guerrillas yesterday turned back thousands of refugees returning to their homes and a new camp near the British-patrolled town of Zakho.

"It is safe in Zakho, why will you not let us return there?" pleaded one elderly woman, who was driven back by guerrillas claiming they had orders to let nobody through. Some Kurds said they had waited many days at the roadblock, deep in a mountain pass; others stopped their journey down the mountain when they heard of the treatment being meted out. Thousands of Kurds remained camped in squalid and insanitary conditions beside the winding road littered with the vehicles in which they had earlier tried to escape.

The implacable *peshmerga* fighters manning the roadblock were later persuaded by a British marine, Major Bob Fanshawe, to allow one baby boy crippled with chronic dysentery to pass through to Zakho for treatment, on condition that the women with him return to the mountainside within 24 hours.

"As well as genuinely not being convinced that Zakho is safe, these guerrillas are also trying to reassert their own authority," said one British officer, who was shocked to discover the treatment the Kurds are now meting out to their own people.

In an attempt to convince the *peshmerga* leadership, the allied security zone was yesterday extended 18 miles to the east when 150 members of 45 Royal Marine Commando moved into the near-deserted town of Batufa, persuading the Iraqi soldiers there to leave. British officers said their move eastward was expected to continue, and that the Americans would also extend the zone southwards.

Batufa, once a town of 10,000, was even more bare of human life than Zakho, where the first new refugee camp is being erected. But within hours of Surgeon-Lieutenant Steve Bree setting up an open-air surgery near the town centre, he had seen about 30 patients, mostly children with a selection of gunshot and other septic wounds, and dysentery.

At the weekend the first 200 Kurdish refugees arrived in coaches at Camp Zahko. Yesterday American helicopters ferried more Kurdish refugees to the camp. The allies plan to bring a total of 1,000 young men from the Isikveren camp in Turkey to help with work at Zahko and to encourage others to return. Brigadier Andrew Keeling, commander of 3 Commando Brigade, who is in overall charge on the ground, said: "Zakho is now much more secure than it was a week ago. Our aim is to make it a weapon-free town."

Italy, Germany and Spain have agreed to send soldiers to northern Iraq. But European governments are keen to make longer term arrangements under the UN which will allow troops to be withdrawn soon. The French government suggested at the weekend that formal UN guarantees might underpin the autonomy deal apparently reached by the Kurdish leader, Jalal Talabani, and Saddam. The foreign ministers in Luxembourg were reluctant to make much of the agreement until its full details are known.

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Five-day lorry queue delays aid for camps

From CHRISTOPHER WALKER ON THE TURKISH-IRAQI BORDER

LACK of co-ordination in the distribution of aid for more than 600,000 Kurdish refugees still living in squalor along the Turkish-Iraqi border is becoming an international scandal, according to Western relief workers.

With a measles epidemic beginning to spread among children in the larger camps, no proper vaccination programme has yet been started and 10,000 vials of measles vaccine had to be dumped after deteriorating in the heat on lorries waiting to unload at Silopi, where aid is put on helicopters. Vincent O'Reilly, a senior Unicef official in Turkey, claimed that lorries were queueing for up to four days to unload supplies. "The Turkish drivers rioted when people tried to give priority to urgently needed medical supplies," he said. "There is a disastrous lack of co-ordination between the military and civilian sides of the relief effort."

On Saturday, 118 huge lorries loaded with supplies were queueing on both sides and down the middle of the road south of Silopi. Many desperate and unshaven Turkish drivers held up five fingers to indicate how many days they had been waiting; others sought shade under their vehicles from the burning sun. According to Mr O'Reilly, the

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JULIAN HERBERT

Hope at Hammersmith: Sevinge Abasova, aged 12, one of the 11 children who may have been affected by Chernobyl, with senior sister Philippa Daly

Kavan's 'trial' rocks Czechs

In the spirit of Kafka, a Czech MP has been vilified without evidence being heard, reports Michael Binyon

Every night at the National Theatre Joseph K. re-lives in *The Trial* the nightmare of anonymous denunciation and the labyrinthine injustice of an unseen, all-powerful oppressor. In Prague today another J.K. is fighting for his political life against unspecified charges and a presumption of guilt that allows him neither to confront his accusers nor refute their charges.

Kafka's fictional *Trial* was an awful premonition of the totalitarianism to come; the real-life drama of Jan Kavan, one of Czechoslovakia's bravest dissidents, is a disillusioning indictment of the intolerance that has marked the muddled attempts in the fragile democracies of Eastern Europe to flush out and punish former communists.

Jan Kavan's story is a hideous irony: a man entrapped by the very evil he spent a lifetime fighting. He comes from a family that suffered cruelly from the communists: his father, a diplomat, was one of the early victims of the Stalinist trials. During the Prague spring, which he enthusiastically supported, Kavan came to study in Britain. After the overthrow of Dubcek he continued to visit Prague.

Friends, fearing his arrest, eventually persuaded him to stay in London, where he became a leading spokesman of Charter 77, the human rights movement, and representative of Palach press, which published the works of dissidents.

When the "velvet revolution" overthrew the Communists in 1989, Kavan

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Kinnock presses home NHS embarrassment

By RICHARD FORD AND ROBIN OAKLEY

NEIL Kinnock last night seized on the growing dispute over the government's health reforms to force the issue of the national health service higher up the political agenda. With the Conservatives on the defensive over plans by two self-governing hospital groups to cut 900 jobs, the Labour leader questioned the government's commitment to a free, universally available NHS.

Today, Mr Kinnock begins the closing days of the local government election campaign with a visit to Nottingham and Derby, where he will exploit the dispute over the NHS reforms. He said yesterday: "It is impossible for them to hold the idea that they are in favour of the health service, a free, universally available high-quality health service and it is impossible for them to uphold the idea that the modern health service is safe in their hands."

Although the Opposition has attacked the underfunding of the health service, Mr Kinnock ruled out the possibility of a future Labour government immediately providing extra cash for the NHS. He offered no hope of immediate relief to the financial difficulites facing the service, and said that it would take years to recover from the consequences of underfunding.

"We are not, in advance of government, going to pretend that the figures that could be so easily set are going to be matched instantaneously," he said. In an interview on LWT's *Walden* programme, Mr Kinnock presented Labour as a fiscally conservative party that would not impose a large increase in taxes or big rise in public spending on coming into government.

The Labour leader was clearly intent on projecting the image of a prime minister-in-waiting who, on coming to office, would run a government that would be fiscally cautious and would not stifle initiative. He said that improvements to public services would have to be achieved over time through economic growth.

"Standards of provision are related to and, indeed, very largely dependent upon [economic] performance. If we do not improve the performance of our economy to generate the wealth, then we can want as much as we like in this utterly necessary service, but we get to the point where it isn't a question of where is the beef, it is a question of where is the money? We will not put a false propectus before the people of this country, saying you can have it all at the same time."

Although Mr Kinnock risked angering those in his party who believe that Labour should spend a lot more on public services, he said that Labour was not talking of a big surge of taxation or extra slabs of public expenditure to provide modern standards of provision and opportunity in the public sector. On taxation, Mr Kinnock said that increasing the basic rate from 25p in the £ had no economic merit and could discourage effort.

He added that Labour had repeatedly said that it would not cut taxes, nor would it raise them for most people. "This gives our policies the candour, consistency and realism that is absent from the Tories," he said.

Meanwhile, the prime minister is backing a Treasury instruction to every Whitehall department to keep within spending totals for the present financial year, which were agreed last autumn. With rising unemployment making heavier demands than expected on the government's spending programme, David Mellor, chief secretary to the Treasury, has told ministers that no more claims on the £3.5 billion public spending contingency reserve for the present year will be considered.

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Lifeline for Chernobyl generation

By ROBIN YOUNG

ELEVEN children from Baku in the Soviet republic of Azerbaijan, some with cancers which may have been caused by the Chernobyl disaster, have taken over the Gulf contingency ward in Hammersmith hospital, west London. A twelfth, Methi Akhrdiev, aged four, whose leukaemia was complicated by septicaemia developed during the journey to London, died on Saturday only two hours after reaching the hospital.

Professor Karol Sikora, of the hospital's clinical oncology unit, visited Baku two weeks ago, after the British companies BP and Ramco, working in the oilfields there, had been asked for help by the city council. He said yesterday that many cancer victims he saw there were beyond help. The Russian doctors "have been starved of Western literature about modern advances in the management of cancer. Their treatments tended to be what one might have expected in the 1960s".

US pressure on G7

AMERICA was putting pressure on fellow members of the Group of Seven leading industrialised nations in Washington last night to consider concerted action to lower interest rates to help pull the Western world out of recession (Our Foreign Staff writes).

Unusually, President Bush invited the finance ministers of the United States, Britain, Japan, Germany, Canada, France and Italy to the White House. This was seen as a final attempt to bolster the lobbying by the US Treasury for easier credit.

The Bush administration is worried about the prospect of a sluggish domestic recovery in the run-up to the presidential elections to be held next year.

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How the traders foiled the patter spoilsports



By RONALD FAUX

AS A surgeon has his knife, or a preacher his sermon, so a market trader has his patter: brash, unique, honed to a razor-edge by years of practice: "Not to you the £50 at Fortnums, not even £40, not even £30, but to you — and believe me, at this price I'm giving it away — to you, lady, only £19.99 ..."

From the rawest tobymush (as beginners are known) to the most seasoned spieler, every trader knows that the patter is indispensable. It is also good fun, so it was inevitable that the European Community should want to regulate it. In line with an EC directive, the British government issued a draft price marking order, requiring that every item on sale should carry its price.

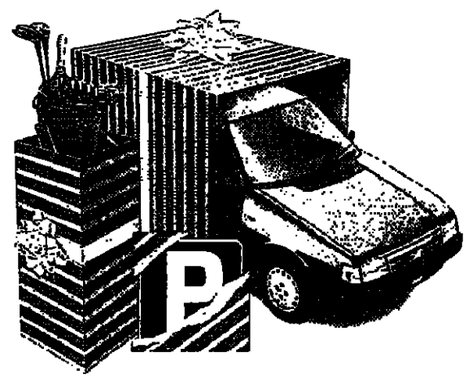
To the gentlemen of Petticoat Lane and Portobello Road, the order was a right style-cramper. "It would be ludicrous for a trader to go through his patter if there was already a ticket on the goods. The price should come as a shock that makes the bargain irresistible," Ray Toller, the secretary of the National Market Traders' Federation, said.

Traders, however, are renowned for their ingenuity. Plans were already being laid to price the goods in Sanskrit, or in flashing lights, when the federation, whose annual conference begins today in Blackpool, took a hand. Gentle pressure was applied and the draft order was amended. The effect will be that pitchers and demonstrators will be allowed to disclose the price at the final point of sale, when the patter has ended.

"This rule would have ended one of the great traditions," Mr Toller said. "Pitchers and demonstrators have an instinctive feel for a crowd and how best to sell to it. They call it judging the edge of an audience and frankly a pitcher might have no idea what the goods will eventually sell for. They have 'plunder lines' that go incredibly cheaply to draw customers to the more lucrative lines. The posh shops call them loss leaders."

Market traders do business by right of ancient charters and royal grants and believe their market place should not be invaded by inappropriate directives from Brussels. The latest edict disturbing them suggests that it should be illegal for geographical names to be attached to products if the product is not manufactured in that town or region. Thus a Yorkshire pudding could not be sold as such if it was cooked in Lancashire. Eccles cakes made in Wigan would have to be called Wigan cakes. "This may sound ridiculous and you would hardly imagine that anyone would be so pedantic but with Brussels you can never tell. Their sprouts would be in for a hard time," Mr Toller declared.

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Guard seized at home in £1m snatch attempt but abductors miss rendezvous

Gun gang kidnaps wife and child

By STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

SCOTLAND Yard detectives were last night searching for a south London address where an armed gang held a security guard's wife and his daughter in an attempt to force him to hand over £1 million.

Instead Michael Haynes, the guard, alerted police and an ambush was laid for the kidnappers who were hoping to steal the takings collected by Mr Haynes from casinos in the West End. They failed to keep the rendezvous and Diane Haynes and her daughter, who suffers from cystic fibrosis, were released unharmed.

Detective Superintendent Jeff Rees, of the Flying Squad, said: "We are dealing with a group of men who were armed and abducted a sick three-year-old child. We would not want these people presented as gentlemen robbers."

Although petrified when the gang first struck, Mr Rees said the child had not been ill-treated. The robbers allowed her mother to attend to her once they were told she was ill.

Mr Rees said no links were being made with other robberies although there was a similar robbery when the wife of a security guard was held before Christmas and over £2 million stolen. Mr Haynes and the other two men in his team collected the money from casinos and went to the rendezvous under police instructions. Police lay in wait and nothing happened.

Mr Haynes told a press conference yesterday he was overpowered as he walked into his home in Catford, south London, at teatime on Friday. Four men wearing masks attacked and bound him. The gang, three of whom were armed with handguns, knew the details of his work and told him if he did not co-operate his family would be hurt. When his wife and child arrived home a couple of hours later Mrs Haynes was also grabbed, pushed to the floor and bound. Mrs Haynes had a bag placed over her head and taken with her daughter to another address where she was kept blindfolded for the rest of the night.

Mr Haynes said: "I panicked when my little girl and wife came home. That is when my heart really started to pound". Just after 4am on Saturday Mr Haynes was released to go to work as usual but with instructions about delivering the cash at a pre-arranged spot in a London street. Asked if he considered himself a hero Mr Haynes said: "I did what anyone would have done under the same duress."

Mrs Haynes and her daughter were moved from their hiding place at about 7am, led to a van and driven to the edge of Bromley cricket club in southeast London. With her mouth gagged and hands tied with tape, she was told to wait for a while before trying to escape. After three hours in the van she finally got out and made her way home.

TED BATH



Mr and Mrs Haynes yesterday after the police praised the security guard for raising the alert

Tories in striking range of fourth election victory

By RICHARD FORD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Conservatives are on target to win an historic fourth consecutive general election victory, Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, said yesterday as some opinion polls provided fresh encouragement for the government.

In spite of a concerted attempt by Labour to damage John Major's image by accusing the prime minister of being a ditherer, the surveys gave him a high personal rating.

With all parties making their final effort before Thursday's local government elections, the polls present a confusing picture of party strength, though they are more encouraging for the government.

Four separate polls, ranging from a 10-point Tory lead to a 3-point lead for Labour, suggest that a decision to call a June general election would be a high-risk venture from a prime minister noted for his caution. Chris Patten, the party chairman, indicated yesterday that he was not thinking of an election before the autumn, and ministers believe that falling inflation and further reductions in interest rates during the summer months will improve the Tories' opinion poll ratings.

Mr Patten said: "I think things are getting steadily better on the economy, and I think the Labour party are pretty frantic to have an election sooner rather than later, because they know they're getting better as well."

Two opinion polls showed that the government had won clear support for its new council tax, with Gallup reporting 50 per cent believing it would be fairer than the poll tax and a Harris Research poll finding 54 per cent supporting the proposal unveiled last week to replace the poll tax.

Mr Heseltine said that the Conservatives were on target for an election victory, because "we have taken the difficult decisions firmly – we seem to have persuaded the public we got them right".

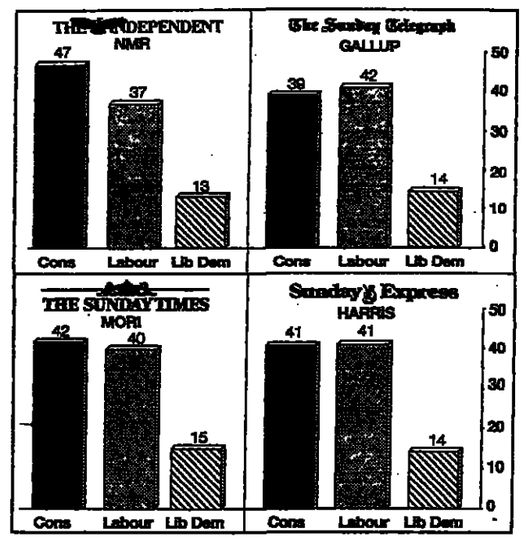
Interviewed on the London radio station LBC, he praised Mr Major's leadership at home and abroad. "This has brought us up to a position where we are in striking distance of a fourth election victory. We are not quite there yet, but in striking distance."

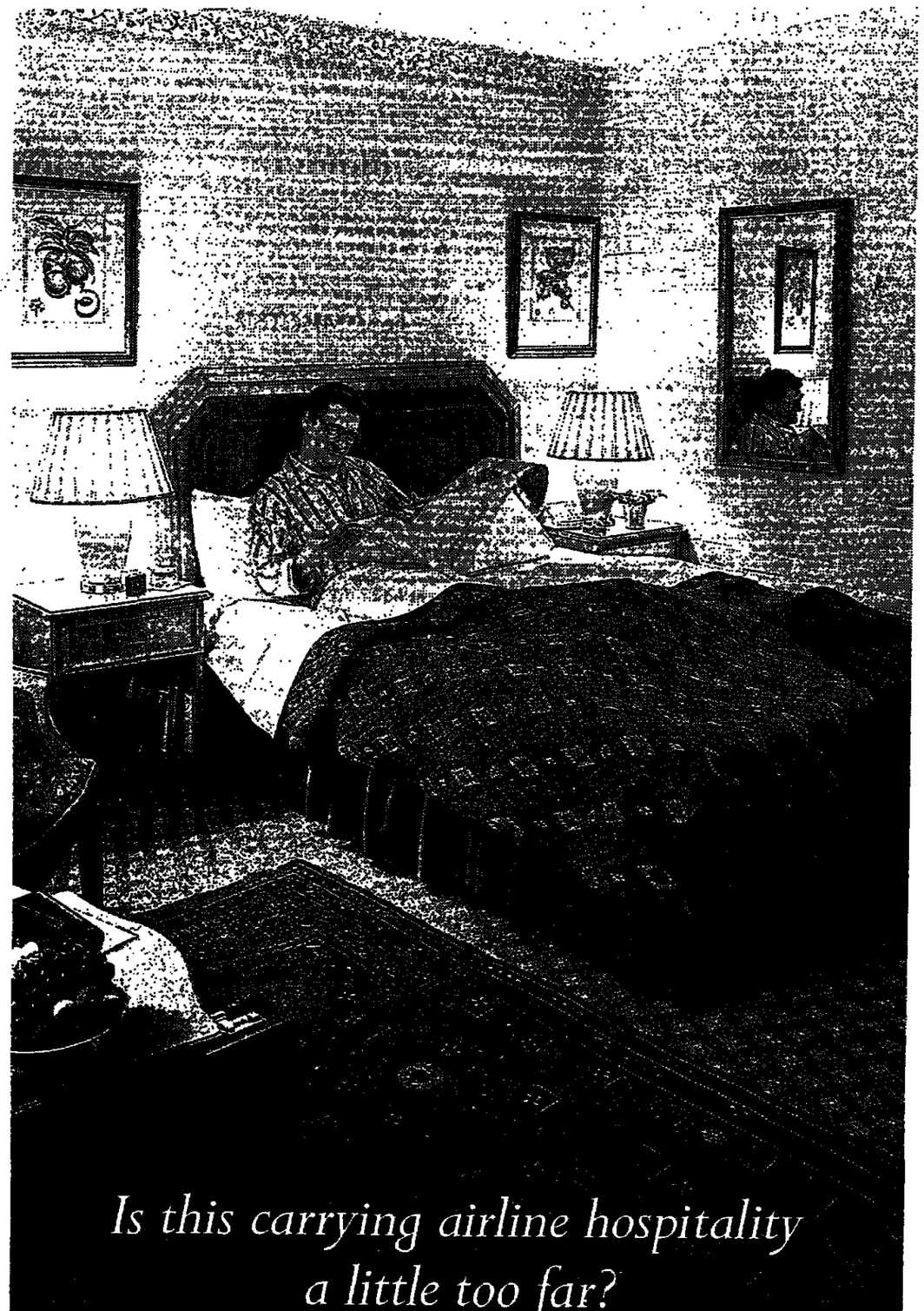
He added: "You look at the long-term things that are happening. The stock markets are showing new confidence. And there are the first signs in the property business of people being able to buy again. These are longer term issues. I think we have got it right. We have taken the tough decisions."

The state of the parties in each poll published yesterday was: Numbers Market Research in *The Independent on Sunday*, Con 47, Lab 37, Lib Dem 13, others 4: Mori in *The Sunday Times*, Con 42, Lab 40, Lib Dem 15, Green 1, others 2; Harris Research in the *Sunday Express*, Con 41, Lab 41, Lib Dem 14, others 4; and Gallup in *The Sunday Telegraph*, Con 39, Lab 42, Lib Dem 14, Green 6.

Mori interviewed 1,992 people between April 18 and 22 for *The Sunday Times*; Harris interviewed 1,112 on April 25 and 26; NMR interviewed 1,067 on April 26 and 27; and Gallup spoke to 1,005 people on April 26.

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Mission to Jupiter runs into trouble

By NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

THE $1.35 billion Galileo space probe to Jupiter has hit trouble because an umbrella-shaped radio antenna is refusing to open fully. Unless the problem can be fixed, Galileo will be unable to send back data when it goes into orbit around Jupiter in 1995 at the end of a six-year odyssey.

Nasa engineers are considering launching a communications satellite to race Galileo to Jupiter and relay back its data. The reason why the antenna did not respond to commands first sent to it on April 11 is not known, though damage by heat from the sun is one possibility. Similar antennae have been used without difficulties on Nasa communication satellites.

The possibility of sending a second satellite in pursuit arises because Galileo is taking a slow and circuitous route to Jupiter. A smaller and lighter communications satellite, launched by a Titan IV rocket next year, could go direct to Jupiter and get there at about the same time as Galileo.

Either satellite could if necessary be put into a parking orbit around the planet to await the arrival of the other.

Then data gathered by Galileo would then be passed to the communications satellite using a second smaller antenna, and relayed back to Earth. If this plan is tried, it will be the first time that a scientific mission has been rescued from failure by the use of a second satellite.

☐ The American space shuttle Discovery was launched from Cape Canaveral in Florida yesterday, carrying seven astronauts and experiments linked to the Strategic Defence Initiative. The mission, which is expected to last eight days, aims to assist in the design of sensors for tracking enemy missiles.

'Blind' valuation of homes attacked

By DOUGLAS BROOM, LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

PLANS by the inland revenue to value homes for the new council tax without even looking at them from the outside was "highly unreliable", the National Association of Estate Agents said yesterday.

Trevor Kent, former president of the association, whose 9,000 members carry out valuations for building societies and banks, said that without visiting each home it would be impossible to put an accurate value on it.

The government is proposing to group properties into seven bands the highest being values over £160,000. Rough calculations of the values of properties in different parts of the country were carried out by the inland revenue valuation office to enable the government to publish last week's table showing detailed tax figures for every area.

Ministers have also commissioned the valuation office to carry out a follow-up exercise to provide detailed valuations for 200 properties in each of the 104 English and nine Welsh valuation districts. The new exercise is intended to provide precise values and will assess a system of nine tax bands as an alternative to the proposed seven.

A circular, leaked to the Labour party, shows that district valuers have been told to carry out the new valuations without visiting the properties and without reference to records of sale prices. The circular says: "It is expected that local market knowledge would enable the valuer to make a broad judgment of the appropriate band in each case and that reference to transaction records will be kept to a minimum. It is also NOT expected that district valuers will make any special provision for external viewing of the properties."

The circular, which was issued on Wednesday, the day after the new council tax was announced, requires valuers to complete the exercise by May 10. They will receive their lists of properties today.



Kent: "highly unreliable method of valuing"

Iceland threat to leave whaling commission

ICELAND is likely to leave the International Whaling Commission if it is not allowed to resume limited commercial whaling despite of evidence that stocks would not be endangered, according to Helgi Agustsson, Iceland ambassador in London (Michael McCarthy writes).

Icelandic public opinion would see continued membership as pointless, Mr Agustsson said. "If the IWC is not doing the job it is supposed to do, people will feel we have very little to do there." Iceland's departure could break up the 36-nation commission. The pro-whaling countries, including Norway, Japan and the Faroe Islands, have set up a rival whaling organisation.

At next month's commission meeting, Iceland will ask for interim permission to hunt fin and minke whales pending the introduction of a new hunting management procedure designed to avoid over-exploitation of stocks. If Iceland's request is refused, the reaction will be of great disappointment, the ambassador said. Asked if Iceland would go it alone, he said: "Do the two things go together, a management procedure and no whaling? We believe we should utilise these resources."

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Triple tie in crossword

The Glasgow regional final of *The Times*/Collins Dictionaries crossword competition last night resulted in a three-way tie for first place.

As only two could go forward, the number calculated as a proportion of those qualifying for regional finals, and a tie-break was held.

The winner was John Henderson, aged 27, a PhD student and lecturer in psychology at Newham community college. He solved the tie-breaker without a mistake in five minutes. Second was Michael Mcdonald-Cooper, 49, a retired educational administrator from Inchture, Tayside (11 minutes, one mistake).

Third was Norman Maclean, 52, of Standard Life insurance. He compiles crosswords in his spare time.

Ballot on action

Members of the EETPU electricians' union working for News International, publisher of *The Times*, are to hold a ballot on industrial action in protest against plans to change their working week and shed 120 jobs. News International employs 1,500 production workers. The union said that it had 300 workforce members and was attracting more. News International said that it did not recognise or negotiate with the EETPU, though any member of staff could join any union.

Church tribute

A service in memory of Alan Harper, aged 34, the *Financial Times* photographer is to be held tomorrow at 1.30pm in Lavenham parish church, Suffolk. Mr Harper and David Thomas, aged 37, the paper's natural resources editor, died in Kuwait last week when their car was trapped in a blazing pool of oil.

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Universities' supremacy in scholarship under threat

By DAVID TYTLER, EDUCATION EDITOR

THE best preparation for becoming a scholar in Britain is now not necessarily a post in a university but in a high technology company, and unless universities come to terms with this challenge they could face failure, a leading academic says today.

Hidebound state funding has led to a fall in the status of universities which has left them trapped in the past and caused low morale among academics. The traditional seats of learning are no longer the power houses they have been, Sir Douglas Hague, a visiting professor at Manchester Business School, says.

Universities will no longer be the sole source of knowledge, with as many people outside as inside improving the fund of knowledge and introducing innovations that will help change society. The knowledge business needs a competitive environment to encompass universities, polytechnics, colleges, commerce and industry.

More organisations should be allowed to award degrees and compete for the finance available. National pay scales for university lecturers should be abandoned and pay linked to performance; and the powers of the Universities Funding Council, which are unlikely to stimulate innovation, should be greatly reduced, Sir Douglas says in his report for the right-wing Institute for Economic Affairs.

"People outside the universities will increasingly be working in similar ways with similar themes and with similar talents to those within; and they will often do so more innovatively and with greater vigour because they will come to what they do untrammelled by academic traditions, preconceptions and institutions," he says.

"The best preparation for becoming a scholar is now not necessarily a post in a university. The growing reservoir of talent outside them, together with the growing power of information and communications technology, face universities throughout the world with the most far-reaching changes they have ever experienced."

The freedoms enjoyed by private business will pose a severe threat to universities who refuse to change, he says. British Telecom is already allowed to train and assess its own employees who study for the equivalent of a diploma in management studies and Sir Douglas says that he hopes companies will soon be able to run their own degree courses.

Because universities have more prestige the main changes in higher education must start with the universities but should also apply to the polytechnics, Sir Douglas says.

☐ A small group of right-wing Conservatives has attacked the government's education policies, saying that they have failed to produce the rise in standards promised. The group also wants a "radical review" of church schools and a big expansion of nursery education.

Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, yesterday refused to comment on the proposals contained in a confidential report of a recent meeting of the Carlton Club political committee attended by about 100 right-wing Conservative educationists.

The meeting also called for the abolition of local education authorities; a reduction in parent power, more power for heads and more pay for teachers.

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AGENDA

The week ahead

Today
Princess Royal launches Save the Children Fund appeal for Africa. Spitfire to be sold by Christie's. 1990 pub design awards. Kenneth Baker, home secretary, launches community investment charter.

Tomorrow
Peter Brooke, Northern Ireland secretary, starts political initiative. Leisure complex along Leeds-Liverpool canal launched. British Association of Hard of Hearing launches plans and appeal. Auction of repossessed properties, Hendon. Launch of Streetscape 1991, Westminster's campaign to beautify central London. Royal Horticultural Society flower show.

Wednesday
Virginia Bottomley launches child protection scheme. National Union of Marine Aviation and Shipping Transport conference on human factors in ship safety. Scruffiest man award. Launch of prisoners' advice service. BBC Radio 1 begins broadcasting around the clock.

Thursday
Local government elections. Announcement of Veuve Clicquot businesswoman of the year 1990 award. Launch of national pet week. Start of Euwe Memorial chess tournament, Amsterdam.

Friday
Hearing to determine whether Douglas Henderson, captain of the dredger Bowbelle, will face retrial over Marchioness pleasure boat disaster. Daughter sues father for being tricked into Yemeni marriage, Birmingham high court.

Saturday
Remembrance service for Gulf victims, attended by the Queen and John Major, Glasgow cathedral.

STEVE DANIELS



Back on form: The Prince of Wales back on the polo field yesterday for the first time since breaking his right arm in a fall during a game ten months ago. He took part in four practice chukkas at Aston Down, Minchinhampton, near Highgrove, his Cotswold home, after arriving back from a visit to Brazil at 6am yesterday

Firms' car-clamping fees face court challenges

Fines by wheel-clamping firms face challenges in the courts. A reviled practice is examined by **Kevin Eason**



PRIVATE car-clamping firms face court action as part of a campaign to force the government into legislation to control the activities of such firms.

Lincoln councillors are taking legal advice after two German tourists had their car clamped in the city and were charged £185 for its return, missing their ferry home as result. The council paid their charge and the cost of of an overnight stay in a hotel for the couple.

Council officials are considering action to reclaim the £185 and taking counsel's opinion on whether there are grounds for an action to show that the clamping has "diminished the reputation of the city".

The firms are contracted to frighten drivers away from such private ground as waste land and churchyard car parks by clamping unauthorised vehicles. Their multi-million pound business has, however, brought misery to thousands of motorists and accusations that the charging of "fines" to release clamped cars is illegal. The law is unclear as to whether clamping firms have the right to charge fines, which sometimes reach more than £100, even if motorists park on private land without permission.

James Hill, Conservative MP for Southampton Test, is pressing Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, for legislation to "clear the murky waters of clamping" and to give guidelines.

He said clamping in London was covered by Acts of Parliament and regulated by the Metropolitan Police. The activities of private companies outside London was uncontrolled by parliament or police while the fines were not governed by any legal authority.

The RAC will test the law this week by backing a self-employed Birmingham businessman in a county court claim that a £35 fine he was charged to have his car unclamped from private ground was unlawful.

If he wins the case, the RAC believes the way would be open for hundreds of claims against private clamping firms. Geoff Pollard, the RAC's legal officer, said: "This is an important case to discover whether clamping firms can charge fines and will help the government to make up its mind as to whether it should become involved in legislation."

The RAC case will help dozens of motorists who want to fight clamping cases in the small claims courts. The RAC says the expense of civil actions is too great to be worthwhile for motorists claiming against fines of as little as £25. However, a judgment against clamping companies this week would provide a forceful argument to take to small claims courts in the future.

Home Office and transport department ministers are reluctant to bring forward legislation to control the activities of clampers because they restrict their activities to private ground away from the highway. However, their hand might be forced by the strength of protests from councils and motoring organizations, who say that rules are needed to control the activities of "cowboy" firms which clamp indiscriminately and then charging large fines.

Recent cases have included the clamping of a a widow's moped, of a police car while officers were making an arrest, a milk float on its rounds and many doctors on calls to patients.

In Lincoln, the clamping of the German couple's car was a catalyst for local officials, worried that private clampers' activities become out of control. The fine included a £50 fee to remove the clamp, £20 for telephone calls, £57 for towing fees and another £20 because the clamping was on a Saturday.

Graeme Wade, Lincoln's city solictor, said: "The question has to be asked whether these firms are entitled to charge anything they like after clamping. We are considering action on that but we are also thinking about the reputation of our city."

Motoring organizations say that such clamping amounts to a form of trespass on the motorist.

Doctor wins a battle but the parking war still goes on

By PETER VICTOR

PHIL Collett, who works once a week at Newham general hospital in east London, brought a successful court action against the firm which clamped his car while he was on duty. Auto Rescue is, however, continuing to clamp cars at the hospital and is allowed to keep the £25 fee it charges for releasing them.

Dr Collett parked his car on a double yellow line in the car park after his pass failed to operate the barrier on the staff car park. He returned to find his car had been clamped. He said: "Nurses and consultants are having their cars clamped here and at other hospitals while they are just trying to do their jobs. The police use much more discretion about clamping the cars of medical staff, but these private firms make no distinction at all. It's not fair, and it's probably not legal."

Auto Rescue, which has the Newham hospital contract, refused to remove the clamp on Dr Collett's car, on the orders of Newham health authority, until Dr Collett paid the £25.

Last September Bow county court issued a summons against Andrew George, Auto Rescue's proprietor, on behalf of Dr Collett, who was trying to get his money back, plus interest and costs. Judgment was entered against the firm when it did not defend the case. But the judgment is not binding on other courts and fails to to clarify the legal position of motorists clamped by private firms.

Newham health authority said it would continue to allow the firm to clamp cars at the hospital, including those of staff and consultants. "The only way we can deter them from parking outside the designated areas is by clamping," said Ade Adegun-Harris, the administrator. "The staff are all warned and there are plenty of parking spaces clearly marked out. We don't clamp them for fun."

Dr Collett, now on a vocational bar course and shortly to become a barrister, believes there are doubts over the firm's legal authority to clamp. "Immobilising a vehicle in such a manner constitutes the tort of interference with property. No statutory authority exists."

Mr George said: "We are empowered to clamp under trespass and nuisance legislation."

Women 'lack drive to reach top jobs'

By OUR EDUCATION EDITOR

WOMEN are not as interested in money as are men, and lack the competitive drive to push them to the top jobs in almost every country in the world, according to a survey published today.

The survey of 10,000 students in 43 countries also showed that nations in which most people were determined to beat their competitors and put the accumulation of money at the top of their priorities did well economically.

British students showed as much determination as those in other developed countries, according to Richard Lynn, of Ulster university's psychology department, who produced the report for the social affairs unit, a right-wing think-tank. "I think there has been a generational change, and that bright young men and women in Britain no longer look down on business or making money as degrading," he said.

In 40 of the countries surveyed, however, women were less competitive and did not attach as much importance to money as did men. The exceptions were Korea, Iraq and the Transkei, Professor Lynn said.

In the survey, the students were asked whether winning was important and whether they would do "practically anything legal" for money. Professor Lynn said: "It seems that competitive people have a strong need to make money, because making money is a symbol of competitive success. And most of these people are men."

He said that his findings showed it was wrong to suggest that discrimination kept women out of senior jobs. "The study shows the error of the widespread contemporary assumptions that women are just the same as men and that therefore if women are not equally represented in top jobs there is a 'glass window' keeping them down," he said.

"Rather, women have different personalities from men and their lower competitiveness and valuation of money means that they do not strive so hard to get into top jobs. An implication of the results may be that the Equal Opportunities Commission should be abolished."

Nureyev dances to discordant notes

By ALAN HAMILTON

IN THE falling of the mighty, there can be few greater losses of altitude than from Covent Garden and Dame Margot Fonteyn to the Sunderland Empire and a tape recorder. The pain troubling Rudolf Nureyev's feet can be as nothing to that felt by those who recall the heights of the career of one of the world's great romantic dancers.

Instead of cascading bouquets, there were demands from the audience for their money back, and a disappointed air among those who had seized a last opportunity to witness a legend that they had arrived too late.

That Nureyev's farewell British tour began on Friday night in a Wearside variety theatre must say something. However, the audience, its expectations raised by seat prices of up to £32, left complaining that the star looked old and tired, had danced for only 40 minutes of a 2½-hour show, that there was no orchestra, that the tape to which he danced had broken down and that he had changed the order of dances from that printed in the £6 programme. Anne Jackson, of Tynemouth, one of the 2,000-strong audience, said that she and almost 50 others had complained. "I had paid £26 to see this man, and I was absolutely shocked. He looked so tired and uninterested."

Dawn Marshall, from Whitburn, said: "At times I could not bring myself to look at the stage. It was all so very sad to see one who was once so great giving so little value."

Alan Twelftree , the theatre's marketing manager, said Nureyev, who is 53, had refused an orchestra, preferring a pre-recorded tape because he was more certain of its tempo, and that Friday's problems with the tape were a result of the technical crew having to prepare it at short notice.

On arriving at Gatwick on Thursday, Nureyev had to seek medical attention for a foot problem. "The man was obviously suffering but was determined to go on, which is a credit to his professionalism," Mr Twelftree said.

Nureyev returns to Sunderland on May 13 to complete his tour; the show is sold out.

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Churchgoers say no to sermon from Sharpton

By RAY CLANCY

THE Rev Al Sharpton was yesterday prevented from giving his first sermon in Britain at a southwest London church after the congregation made clear they did not want to hear his outspoken remarks on racism. Instead, he worshipped silently in the church.

The 17-stone pentecostalist arrived two hours after he was expected at the New Testament Assembly Church in Tooting. Worshippers arriving for the midday service said he was not welcome. He said he had been too tired to preach after flying from the United States.

The church's pastor, the Rev Donald Bernard, said: "We felt we had to be cautious. We don't really know this man or his views. We were worried he would say something racist that might upset the white members of our congregation." He said a message was sent last week to Mr Sharpton, asking him not to speak, but making clear that he was welcome to attend.

"We don't want the likes of him here," one woman said as she entered the church. "We have not got a racism problem here, so we don't need him," said another.

The overall view was that the congregation feared he would attract bad publicity to their red brick turn of the century church. However, he turned up with his entourage of aides and bodyguards.

He had missed the tambourines and the children singing, but said he had a lovely time. "I wanted to go to church to relax. I enjoyed the choir, I had a nice chat with the bishop, and I met some lovely people. I was too tired to preach." He said he had been surprised by what he has seen in Britain. "I expected to find a lot of bigots screaming on the sidelines, throwing water melons like they do in America. It is very civilised here. I am a minister first, an activist second.



Mr Sharpton yesterday, complete with medallion

"I know I am an irritant, a nuisance, but I also say that you cannnot beat hatred with violence, you cannot use force when peace is needed," he said.

He hated the tabloid press, which had "crucified" him. "Why me? The British press expressed an interest in me, they are partly responsible for this trip, now they hate me," he said. The most irritating thing was a headline saying that the "beast from the Bronx" had arrived. "I rang them right away to express my disgust — I'm from Brooklyn."

His resemblance to the soul singer James Brown is not a coincidence, he revealed. "James sort of brought me up. He advised me to have my hair styled like his, and said I should keep it the same until the day he died."

He is to visit Bristol and Birmingham later this week, holds his first scheduled press conference today and plans to write an account of his impressions for members of the Pan African Movement which invited him to Britain. As he left the church he had some advice for the tabloids: "Some of you ought to repent your sins; perhaps you should come to church."

A policeman quietly asked him to move over on to the pavement, because the traffic was being held up; and he disappeared inside his blue van, his medallion glinting in the sun.



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Soldiers who lost legs in shell blast denied cash

Peter Victor reports on the plight of three young servicemen whose limbs were shattered while digging a trench and who were promised compensation that never came

THREE Grenadier guards who lost their legs when an old training shell exploded in July 1989 have had their compensation claims rejected.

They have been told that their army careers must end and warned not to talk to the press. "The only thing we got from the Army were specially adapted cars and they were paid for by our regiment. The MoD gave us nothing," one of them told *The Times*.

The soldiers are also paying the legal costs of fighting the ministry's decision. Guardsmen Adrian Hicks, aged 23, from Lincoln, John Ray, aged 24, from Bristol, and Sean Povey, aged 21, from Willinghall, Staffordshire, were digging a trench during a live firing exercise near Medicine Hat, Canada, when they hit a six-year-old 76mm shell and had their legs blown off below the knee. Mr Ray and Mr Povey are still receiving treatment in military hospitals.

The Section Ten Abolition Group is fighting for compensation for service personnel injured as a result of negligence before December 1986. Contact via Carol Mills, 0243 864320

Mr Hicks was discharged on Christmas day and is now living with his mother on £25 a week in social security benefits and an £8 a week army pension. As a guardsman he earned £8,500 a year. He can walk short distances on his artificial limbs but still suffers pain and says: "I don't know what I'm going to do now, neither do Sean or John. I spent nine months at a rehabilitation centre and now I am as good as I am going to get, which is not very good. I used to be super fit, now I cannot even carry a tray of tea."

It was just after 5pm on Friday, July 7, when the guardsmen were ordered to dig a trench large enough to hold three men. "We had just started digging when 'boom' — and I do not remember anything else," Mr Hicks said. "I remember hitting the ground, and that was it. I sat up and one of my legs was completely off, the other one was mangled."

Mr Hicks was hit in the face by the fuse, shattering his jaw and part of his cheek. A piece of shrapnel passed through Mr Ray's abdomen, lacerating his liver. The bone in his left leg remains exposed. Both of Mr Povey's legs were shattered.

After the accident the defence ministry flew the three men's parents out to Canada: "A captain from the MoD told our parents straightaway that we would get compensation," Mr Hicks said.

"They even told the Canadian press that. Then the MoD enquiry decided us hitting the shell was a 'tragic accident' and they decided that they would not accept responsibility.

"We are still fighting the MoD, thanks to the support we are getting from the regiment, but the problem is, who do we sue? We have to prove liability and we don't know whether that shell was fired and left by the Canadians or by the British training there.

"Somebody, somewhere out there, is to blame. The shell which exploded should have been removed or clearly marked. Somebody did not do their job. They left it there and forgot to deal with it and there must be more shells out there. It could all happen again. I signed on the dotted line and I was prepared to get injured in war. You do not expect this sort of thing to happen to you on an exercise."

His mother, Margaret, said that the family is angry and bitter. She has written to Kenneth Carlisle, MP for Lincoln. "I was told at the time of the accident that there would be no problem at all about compensation," she said.

The MoD refuses to discuss individual cases and says each one is treated on its merits.

☐ Martin Ryan, aged 40, a Channel tunnel worker whose legs were crushed at work in July 1989, was awarded £370,173 agreed damages at the High Court last week.



Picture of health: Sir Peter Imbert gives Jane Leggett, a ward sister, a warm hug on returning to St Thomas's yesterday to thank staff for their care during his illness

Imbert promises to slacken the pace on return to Yard

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A FITTER, thinner and healthier Sir Peter Imbert today returns to his office at Scotland Yard as commissioner of the Metropolitan police, six months after heart attacks nearly took his life and prompted forecasts of early retirement.

He has promised to slow down and end his habit of working a 14-hour day. However, the files awaiting him in the commissioner's study will be challenging. Sir Peter, aged 58, said: "It's always difficult to predict what the biggest challenge is going to be in policing. It's a bit like the medical profession. You don't know what's going to come into the casualty department in two minutes' time."

The files are likely to range from the growth in recorded crime to the new royal commission on the criminal justice system; the fate of Wyn Jones, one of his assistant commissioners, who is under investigation; and the progress of the Plus programme in London, aimed at changing the ethos of London policing. That will undoubtedly be among the top items on Sir Peter's agenda. Colleagues believe that his personal drive and commitment to the programme was a key factor in his heart trouble. On the day he was taken ill, he had engagements for six or seven days a week for up to two months.

Sir Peter said: "I regularly worked a 14-hour day, I suppose because I liked doing that and felt it was demanded of me .... Not that everyone else should do it, but I wanted people to know that I was prepared to pull my weight. I shall, of course, cut that down in the future."

The commissioner was taken ill in October last year after riding his horse Inca in Hyde Park, and was taken to St Thomas's hospital, south London, where he suffered two heart attacks. Sir Peter said that at first he thought it unlikely that he would return to work. "But .... the longer it's gone on, the stronger I've got and the better the prospects seemed to be for a full return to work. One expert felt that the frustration level if I didn't go back was higher than if I did, so that would add to the stress."

Last week, Sir Peter rode Inca once again. Today, he climbs back into the saddle at the Yard.

Two girls and mother found dead in car park

A mother and her two daughters were found dead in their car in a supermarket car park yesterday.

Police believe Susan Roach, aged 31, drove the girls, Samanthn, aged 12 and Sara, two, to the Cardiff store during the night. The car was full of fumes.

Fans arrested

Police arrested and bailed 15 football supporters at Bristol yesterday after a clash between Millwall and Bristol City fans.

Off course

A map given to tourists by Spanair, the Spanish airline, is to be scrapped because the airports are in the wrong places: Aberdeen near Manchester, Luton at Lincoln and East Midlands in the Highlands.

Saddam picture

A signed colour photograph of Saddam Hussein is expected to raise £300 at a Nottingham auction next month.

Bond winners

National Savings Premium Bonds winners: £100,000, 25BT 560741 (Bedfordshire); £50,000 7HK 274341 (Waltham Forest); £25,000 6WP 267794 (Enfield)

Councils seek right to vet taxi drivers

By DOUGLAS BROOM, LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

WOMEN, children and the elderly are being put at risk because the police are refusing to allow councils to check the criminal records of people applying to become taxi drivers, the Association of District Councils said yesterday.

The association, representing 331 councils which license more than 50,000 taxis outside London, has called on the government to change the law so that the police are compelled to release the information.

The Association of Chief Police Officers has advised its members not to allow local authorities access to criminal records on the ground that forces are already overwhelmed with requests to vet job applicants. The association's traffic committee said that police chiefs had no objection in principle to supplying the information but that, with existing resources, it would be impossible to cope with the extra work. The association is against a change in the law.

Roy Thomason, chairman of the Association of District Councils said: "ACPO's opposition to a simple change in the law is putting particularly vulnerable members of the public, like women, children, and old people, quite needlessly at risk. How long will it be before we find that a licence has been given to a convicted child killer? Perhaps then the chief constables will reverse their policy." He claimed most chief constables had privately expressed their support for the councils' campaign.

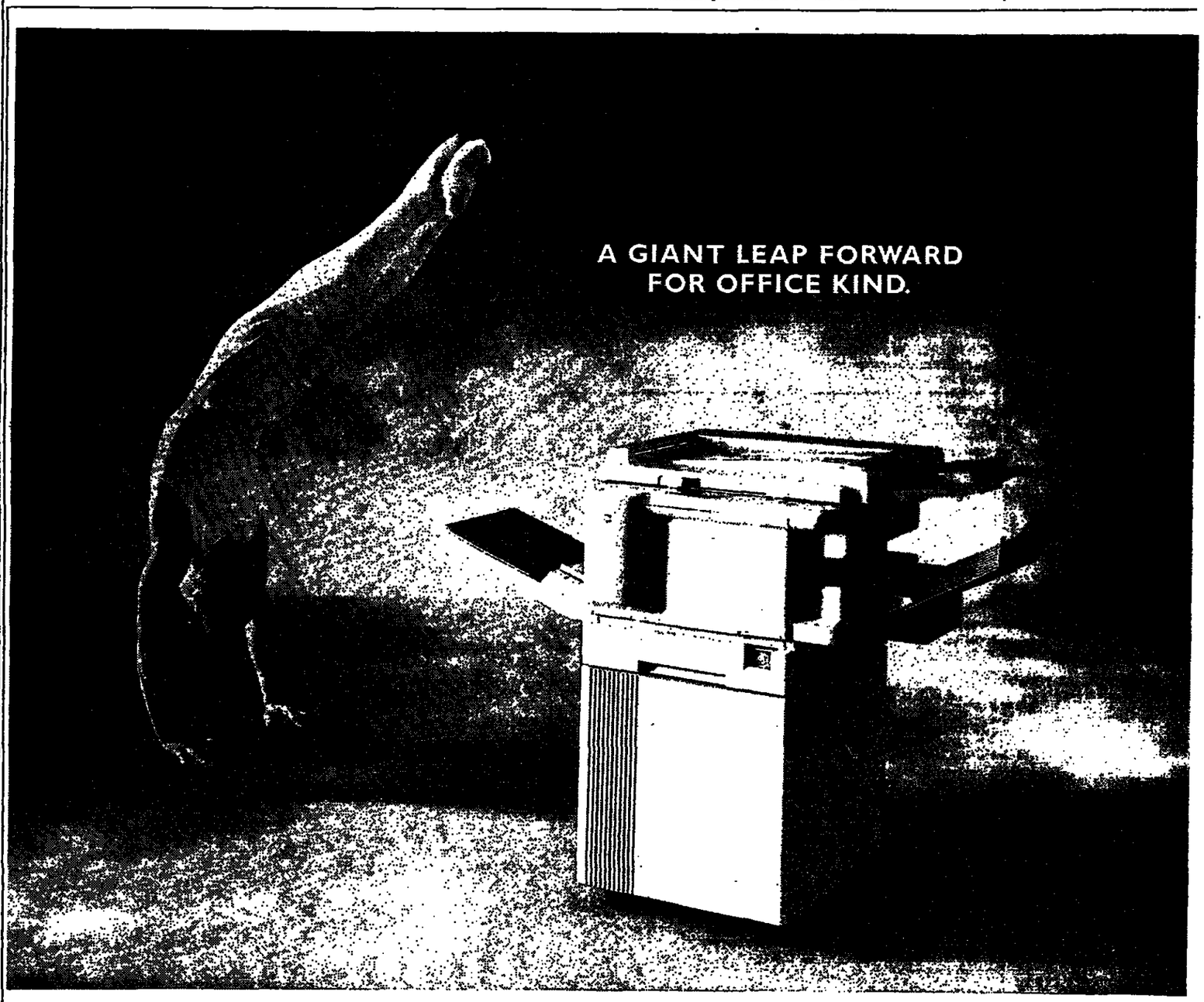
The district councils want the 1976 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provision) Act — under which teachers, social workers and people who work with children have to supply details of all convictions — to be amended. The act exempts people in sensitive posts from the provisions of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act, under which convictions become spent after a certain period, and allows councils to check the criminal records of those concerned.

A report by the district councils has shown that, in many cases, local authorities found out about criminal convictions only by chance or after taxi drivers had committed assaults against passengers. Gedling district council, Nottinghamshire, said it had found that licences had been granted to people with convictions for rape, kidnapping, burglary and having sexual intercourse with under-age girls. In North Hertfordshire district, the council found out by chance that one of its taxi drivers had convictions for gross indecency and indecent assaults on young boys, the report said. His licence was revoked.

"This report is full of examples like this," Mr Thomason said. "Without access to criminal records, we have no way of preventing people like this becoming taxi drivers."



Thomason: present law is putting people at risk



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Brooke talks confront the traditional huge obstacles

By RICHARD FORD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

ALTHOUGH Peter Brooke, the Northern Ireland secretary, has patiently cajoled Ulster political parties into talks starting tomorrow, huge obstacles must be overcome if his efforts are not to go the way of similar British initiatives.

In spite of their public pronouncements, many of those who have agreed to sit at the conference table are pessimistic at the prospects of making a breakthrough during the ten weeks which have been set aside for a three-tiered set of negotiations. The parties may be at the table but the deep distrust between Unionist and nationalist, as well as London and Dublin, is highlighted by the fact that it took 14 months to devise the formula just to get them to agree to talk.

Nobody, however, should underestimate the significance that Unionists have agreed to enter a process designed to address the "totality of relationships" within the British Isles. That involves them sitting down with nationalist leaders in an attempt to devise a devolved administration for the province, then holding talks with Dublin leaders on north-south links while the two governments discuss London and Dublin relations.

Five-and-a-half years after the signing of the Anglo-Irish agreement, the Unionist leadership had little option but to start talking. The protests and boycotts against an agreement that gave the Irish Republic a consultative role in the affairs of the north had failed.

By agreeing the framework of the present talks, the Unionist leadership has accepted their opponents' analysis of the "problem". They have also accepted one of the objectives of the agreement's authors, which was that unionism should develop a relationship with the historic enemy in Dublin.

The two key areas in the talks will be the structure and composition of any devolved administration in the north and the republic's role in the province. One intention of the agreement was that if Unionists took part in an acceptable form of partnership administration, some of the parameters of the agreement could recede. The past record of James Molyneaux, the Ulster Unionist leader, and Ian Paisley, the Democratic Unionist — offers little evidence of a willingness to accommodate the nationalist minority.

Until the signing of the agreement, the Social Democratic and Labour party wanted a devolved power-sharing administration at Stormont. Having won an institutionalised Irish dimension under that agreement, there is now doubt that it would be willing to relinquish those gains. Any agreement on devolution would, in the eyes of the SDLP and the Irish government, be within an overall Anglo-Irish framework.

If these conflicting ideas are not reconciled in the first set of discussions, the initiative may founder before the Irish government enters the talks. In the event of the Irish government meeting the north's political parties to discuss links between north and south, Dublin's role in the province will be a key part of the agenda. The Unionists want to reduce the Irish dimension while the SDLP is determined to keep it.

Reconciling such conflicting aims has defeated minister after minister, though as the politicians prepare for the first all-party round table talks for 15 years, the government's hope for success must be that they develop a momentum of their own, making it difficult for any particular group to stage a walkout.

Milestones on troubled route

Richard Ford lists the milestones in the long and tortuous effort to arrange political talks in Northern Ireland

WILLIAM Whitelaw (Northern Ireland secretary 1972-3) was the first in a long line of British ministers to attempt an initiative and it succeeded in creating a power-sharing executive in which, for the first time since partition, Unionists and nationalists together helped to administer the province.

Francis Pym (1973-4) attended the Sunningdale conference that established an Irish dimension in the form of a Council of Ireland at which representatives from the north and south could discuss topics such as the impact of EC membership.

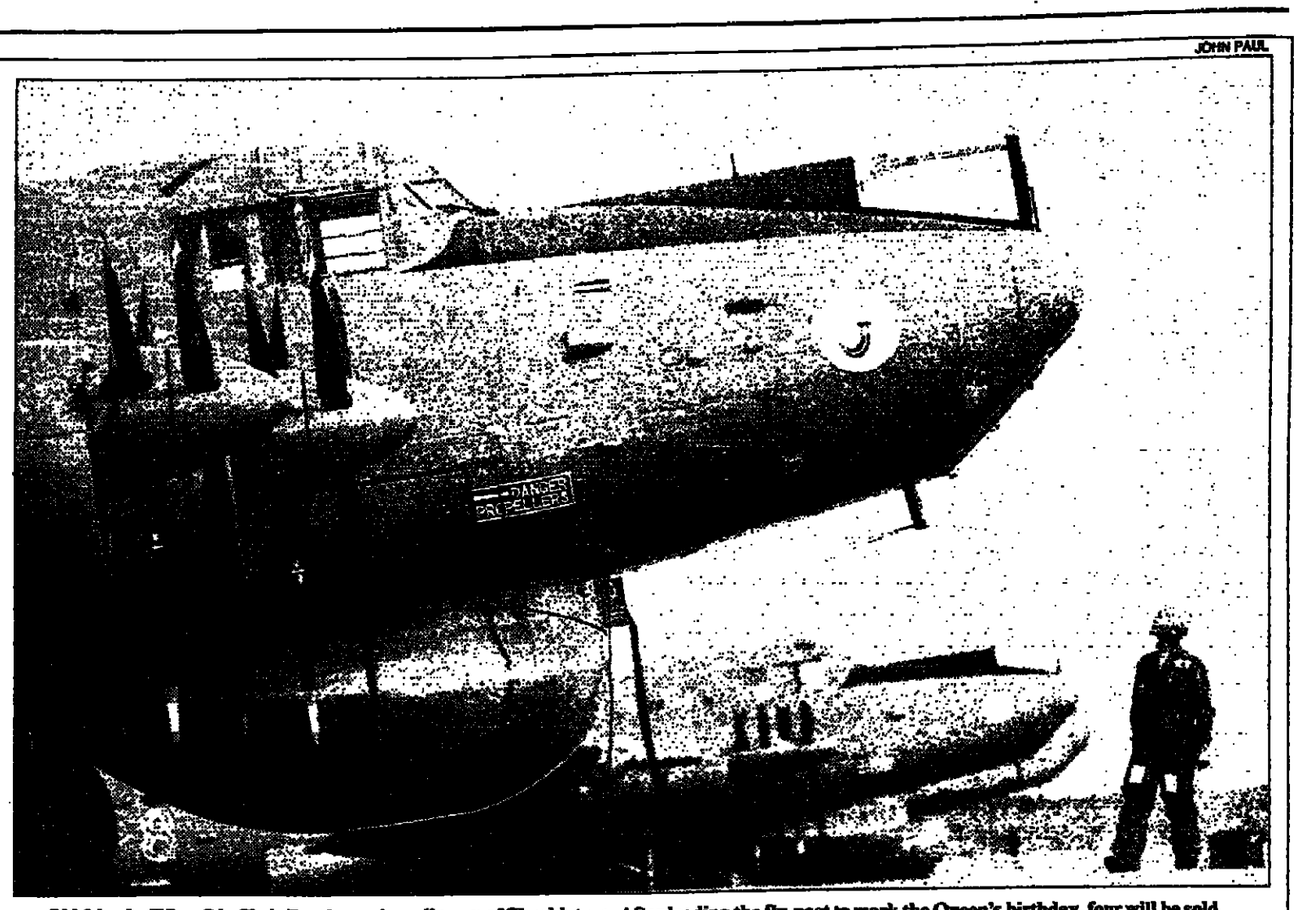
Merlyn Rees (1974-6) was in office only three months when a strike, launched by hardline Loyalists including paramilitaries, paralysed the province and brought down the executive. He announced his own initiative which included the election of a 78-member constitutional convention, but the Unionists rejected power-sharing with nationalists.

Roy Mason (1976-9) held discussions to see if there was any likelihood of breaking the deadlock. He concluded that the prospects were bleak, and devoted most of his tenure at Stormont to security and economic matters.

Humphrey Atkins (1979-81) held a constitutional conference in 1980 attended by the Democratic Unionist, Social Democratic and Labour and Alliance parties but boycotted by the Ulster Unionists.

James Prior (1981-4) studied the idea of an assembly with local ministers appointed by himself. This was dropped in favour of the concept of "rolling devolution".

Douglas Hurd (1984-5) was involved in the negotiations with the republic, leading to the Anglo-Irish agreement signed in November 1985. **Tom King** (1985-9) had to handle Unionist opposition to the agreement, including violent street protests. The Unionist leaders began "talks about talks". **Peter Brooke** moved swiftly after his appointment in 1989 and announced he would attempt to achieve political progress. It took 14 months just to find a formula to allow talks to start.



JOHN PAUL

Old friends: Wing Cdr Chris Booth passing a line-up of Shackletons. After leading the fly-past to mark the Queen's birthday, four will be sold

'Flying Nissen huts' to retire from active service

By KERRY GILL

THE familiar drone of the contra-rotating Nissen hut, more usually known as the Shackleton, the aircraft derived from the second world war Lancaster bomber, will soon become little more than a distant memory.

The five remaining Shackletons on active service, nicknamed after characters in the children's television series *The Magic Roundabout*, are to be retired. Four are to be sold at auction and the fifth will be permanently sited at the entrance to RAF St Mawgan in Cornwall.

The Shackleton, in spite of being cramped, noisy and at times difficult to fly, has engendered affection among the crews who have flown the plane since it was introduced 40 years ago. Wing Commander Chris Booth, commanding officer of the Shackleton's No 8 Squadron based at RAF Lossiemouth on the Moray Firth, first climbed into a Shackleton 30 years ago and has flown more than 5,000 hours in the planes, also known by the Nissen hut name or 100,000 rivets flying in close formation. He is hoping a consortium will be formed to save the Shackletons for air displays.

The Shackletons, named Brian, Florence, Ermintrude, Mr Rusty and Mr MacHenry, have continued to provide an early warning radar defence role over the United Kingdom. This function was due to have been phased out in the 1970s and replaced by the Nimrod. "It is a bit of a disgrace that we are running a Forties aeroplane in the Royal Air Force in the Nineties, but it still does the job," said Wing Commander Booth. Their role will be taken over by the Boeing E3D airborne warning and control system (Awacs).

The Shackletons have not operated without their share of tragedy, however. Wing Commander Booth said: "It is extraordinary that such affection can be given to an aeroplane which has killed such a lot of people in peacetime. There were a lot of accidents because of the challenging roles it was called on to perform." Last year a Shackleton crashed in the Western Isles during an exercise. Its 10-man crew was killed when it hit a hill in mist.

The Shackletons, which have flown more than two million miles each, will lead the fly-past over London to mark the Queen's 65th birthday in June. Sealed bids for the planes, which have attracted interest from all over the world, will be opened in July.

Arts group fears for orchestra's status

By SIMON TAIT, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

NORTHERN Arts, the regional arts association with the largest budget outside London, is to defer accepting the Northern Sinfonia as a client delegated from the Arts Council as approved by Tim Renton, the arts minister, last week.

Although Peter Stark, Northern Art's director, called the move non-confrontational, it will be seen as a sign of growing unease in the regions at delays over the restructuring of arts funding.

The country's leading orchestras appealed against being included in the list of 92 for delegation announced by the Arts Council last autumn, which Mr Renton ordered to be torn up in December. All the orchestras were on it and are expected to be on the new, deferred list. Mr Stark said Saturday's decision was taken because the association, one of the 12 in England which will be supplanted by ten new arts boards, feared the Newcastle-based chamber ensemble, which is the region's main orchestra, was being "relegated to second division status by being on this early list".

The orchestra is one of 28 clients of the Arts Council appearing on the first set of names in the revised list for delegation to the new boards, but is the only orchestra named so far. Mr Stark said: "We have decided to defer acceptance until we know the fate of the other orchestras." That may not be until October 1992, or even later.

Anthony Everitt, secretary-general of the Arts Council, said last night: "Northern Sinfonia is not a symphony orchestra, but if there is any question of shifting from first to second division status we will want to look at it."

Beatty trust to sell more art works

By ALAN HAMILTON

THE family trust which sold Van Gogh's *Sunflowers* for a record £24.75 million four years ago is selling a further 13 paintings, including works by Toulouse-Lautrec, Renoir, Degas and Chagall, in an auction at Sothebys expected to raise several million pounds.

That the granddaughter and two great-grandchildren of the late Sir Alfred Chester Beatty, the millionaire mining engineer who by his death in 1968 had assembled a magnificent private art collection, are selling more works may indicate how comparatively little they received for the Van Gogh, and how much of the breathtaking amount paid by a Japanese buyer went to the Inland Revenue.

Estimates circulating in the art world at the time of the Van Gogh sale suggested that the family may have received as little £9 million, the remainder going in auctioneers' commission, inheritance tax and capital gains tax. There are understood to have been substantial remaining inheritance tax liabilities on the estate of Mrs Helen Beatty, Sir Alfred's daughter-in-law, who inherited most of the collection from her husband and who died in 1986.

Such liabilities would have reduced the profits from the Van Gogh sale even further, possibly to no more than £3.5 million, it is now suggested. Before *Sunflowers* came up at auction in 1987 it was offered to the nation umder the government's in lieu scheme for accepting works of art as part-payment for inheritance tax liabilities. Then it was valued by the government at £10 million, of which the family would have received an estimated £5.5 million, but both the National Gallery in London and the National Gallery of Scotland in Edinburgh said they could not afford it.

Shortly before the Van Gogh sale, the Government had accepted Constable's landscape with boys fishing, *The Young Waltonians*, which was considered at the time a more important work for the nation to own, and which left insufficient funds for another major acquisition at the time.

At his death Sir Alfred's estate was worth £7 million. His son Alfred died worth £12 million gross.

Action sought on prison doctors

By STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A CAMPAIGN to abolish the prison medical service, criticised for poor standards and personnel, and integrate treatment for prisoners into the health service is being launched today with a private member's bill.

The bill, introduced by John Battle, Labour MP for Leeds West, has been drafted by the National Association of Probation Officers and Inquest, established to campaign on deaths in custody, and is supported by a dossier of 20 case histories involving suicides, lack of care, drug withdrawal and HIV treatment.

Harry Fletcher, the association's assistant general secretary, said: "Enquiry after enquiry this century has condemned medical provision and the standard of prison hospitals". In the past decade there has been increasing concern about the treatment of black prisoners and the rising number of suicides in prisons. In one case at Brixton, south London, an inquest was told a hospital officer with no formal training was in charge of 200 prisoners, many of whom were mentally ill, and no doctor was available when a prisoner suffered hypomania.

Student's moves are re-enacted

Police will stage a reconstruction of the last known movements of missing Oxford student Rachel McLean this afternoon. Exactly two weeks since she kissed goodbye to John Tanner her boyfriend at Oxford railway station, he and a policewoman will re-enact their last moments.

Detective Superintendent John Bound, heading the inquiry, said: "I'm hoping to jog people's memories." He said police had had a fair bit of a response to a photofit picture released on Saturday of a long-haired man who they believe gave the girl a lift from the station to her digs in Argyle Street, Oxford.

Rising damp

A four-bedroom cottage, topped by a cast iron water tank which was used as a reservoir for 90 years by Wessex Water, is to be auctioned at Wellington, Somerset, next month for an estimated £50,000.

Keegan attack

Detectives are hunting a third man after former soccer star Kevin Keegan was robbed as he slept in his car near the M25 at Reigate Hill, Surrey, after driving from Spain. Two men have already been charged.

Farm death

Farmworker Fred Chubb was found dead in a field at Stoke Abbot, near Beaminster, Dorset yesterday, after a plough rolled over and trapped him.

Snapped up

The John Innes Institute in Norwich has been awarded £350,000 by the Japanese government to study the genetic structure of the snapdragon.

Strike ballot

Twenty thousand wool textile workers, mainly in West Yorkshire, are to be balloted on industrial action unless employers increase a pay offer of 5¾ per cent.

Drug charges

Two men were charged yesterday with drug offences after police seized a large quantity of drugs in an undercover operation against a gang selling cannabis to Essex schoolchildren.

Gunpoint raid

The Little Chef restaurant near Brentwood, Essex, was robbed at gunpoint yesterday. Two men took £500 and locked the staff in a cupboard.

Flower saved

A rare buttercup which grows only on 200 square yards of wetland near Badgeworth, Gloucestershire, has been saved from possible extinction by changes to a new road scheme which threatened its future.

Odds stacked against national parties in Epsom stakes

As council polls near, Bill Frost reports from Epsom and Ewell, where residents' associations rule the roost and plan to stay there

THERE are no racing certainties in politics, but even the most timorous punter could safely put his shirt on the outcome of this week's race at Epsom and Ewell. With its mock-Tudor villas and neat bungalows, the Surrey borough has the look of a safe Conservative seat. Appearances are deceptive, however. In Epsom and Ewell they do not hold with party politics.

For 55 years the town hall has been controlled by the borough's 13 residents' associations. They have consistently wiped the polling booth floor with the political parties, and now enjoy an unassailable majority of 31 seats. On previous form, the associations will romp home again.

Labour, the official opposition in Epsom and Ewell, has three seats on the council and the Liberal Democrats only one. The Conservatives have not won a seat since the late 1960s.

The secret of the associations' success is collective energy and enthusiasm. Recruiting sergeants approach new residents soon after they move in and explain that party politics and local government do not mix in the borough. They also make it plain, in the nicest way, that attendance at association meetings is desirable.

The issues in this week's contest will, as always, be parochial. Pam Ballard, the deputy mayor, knows what concerns her electorate: "Kerbstones. It may seem fairly trivial, but a broken kerbstone can cause real problems. People trip over and fall. We carry out pavement surveys, we are always watchful."

Such vigilance has been richly rewarded since 1936, when the residents' associations took over the council. Jonathon Reed, a candidate in the Ewell Court ward, said: "Our continuing success can be attributed to results. We give the electorate what they want. They have a problem and we solve it quickly." The residents' association group at the town hall has no leader and no whips. Ted Faulks, chairman of the housing and personal services committee, said: "We just get together and talk the issues through until a majority view emerges. There is never 100 per cent agreement, but the losers always accept defeat gracefully."

Audrey Smith, aged 69, abandons party politics at local election time: "Of course I vote for the residents' association, they get things done: tidy streets, well-maintained parks and community centres. If it was a parliamentary election I would back the Liberal Democrats, but I do not want them in the town hall."

Carol Collins, a relative newcomer to Epsom and Ewell, was recruited by the residents' association after a few days in the borough. "It is people power, better services and no pointless arguing in the council chamber."

Residents' association sources have hinted darkly that their ambitions might not be confined to the council chamber, and that moves might be afoot to unseat Archie Hamilton, the Conservative MP whose consituency is largely made up of Epsom and Ewell. Mr Reed said: "We made representations to Mr Hamilton about the poll tax and how fed up we were. Quite frankly, we were disappointed by his performance on our behalf. That issue may have gone away, but we are worried about the council tax. I think a residents' association candidate might give the MP quite a run for his money at the general election."

ADRIAN BROOKS



People power: Ballard, left, Reed and Faulks on Epsom racecourse

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ANC women reject Winnie Mandela for top post

From RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

WINNIE Mandela has been convincingly beaten in her bid to win the presidency of the African National Congress women's league, a position that would have given her automatic entry to the ANC's national executive committee.

The scale of her defeat, by 400 votes to 196, at the women's league congress in Kimberley, its first in South Africa for 30 years, underlines that her efforts to regain her former popularity and reputation at grassroots level within the black community have not been as successful as she obviously hoped.

She will have to wait until the ANC's elective congress in June to renew her bid to join the national executive committee beside her husband, Nelson Mandela, the current vice-president.

At the congress it will be proposed that the national executive should be enlarged from the present 35 to an unwieldy 105. From this group the new president — almost certain to be Mr Mandela who will take over from the ailing Oliver Tambo — will appoint a smaller "shadow cabinet."

Mrs Mandela's defeat in the contest for the women's league presidency on Saturday night was engineered by Albertina Sisulu, the former co-president of the United Democratic Front who is the wife of Walter Sisulu, the ANC's internal leader.

She has been extremely popular within the community in Soweto, the largest black township in South Africa. As a leader of the front, she was involved in its call on people to distance themselves from Mrs Mandela two years ago over the activities of her team of bodyguards, the so-called Mandela United Football Club.

On Friday night Mrs Sisulu withdrew her candidacy for the women's league presidency and cast in her lot with Gertude Shope, taking her support with her. In a secret ballot, the 1,000 delegates voted overwhelmingly for Mrs Shope, who is already a member of the national executive.

Mrs Mandela had travelled directly to Kimberley from Johannesburg where she is on



Mrs Sisulu: engineered Winnie Mandela's defeat

trial on charges arising from the alleged abduction and assault of four youths by her bodyguards.

As president of the women's league in the Johannesburg region, she was the firm favourite to become its national president, although she had beaten Mrs Shope in an earlier nomination contest by only three votes.

Her supporters believed that her charisma and militancy would attract wide support among women who want the league to play a more decisive political role in combating violence which is ravaging the townships.

Others argued that although many women held Mrs Mandela in high regard she should take a back seat until the outcome of her trial was determined.

Against these delegates was ranged an "older guard" of women who still see the league as a group of mothers and who favoured Mrs Shope's candidacy. But it appears she was also strongly supported in the ballot by women still in exile who have been more exposed to feminism than their local counterparts.

The exiles, representing countries around the world, were put in one voting bloc in addition to the league's 14 regions inside South Africa. The election for the vice-president of the league is to be held at a later date. The current favourite for the post is not Mrs Mandela this time, but Mrs Sisulu.



Quay to freedom: James Daniel Mange, a member of the ANC military wing, who was sentenced to death in South Africa for treason in 1979 and later had his sentence commuted to 20 years' jail, being greeted as he and 35 other prisoners, freed from Robben Island yesterday, arrived in Cape Town

Nigeria violence kills 246

Bauchi, Nigeria — Gravediggers buried 246 bodies of victims of last week's clashes between Muslims and Christians in this northeastern town, authoritative sources said. The gravediggers counted 184 bodies in the Muslim cemetery and 62 in the Christian cemetery the sources said. Fifty-two bodies had been decapitated, most of them Christians.

Earlier estimates had put the number of dead from the clashes at around 200 although some unofficial reports said the figure was as high as 500. Tension remained high in Bauchi and throughout the surrounding region as rumours of fresh violence continued to circulate despite a general return to calm. The military governor, in a radio address, denounced the rumours. *(AFP)*

Maradona bail

Buenos Aires — Diego Maradona, the disgraced football star, was released on bail of £12,000 but forbidden to leave Argentina after being held for 31 hours on cocaine possession charges. He and two friends were arrested on Friday in a Buenos Aires flat. The Napoli player was suspended for 15 months from Italian league and international football this month after testing positive for cocaine. *(AFP)*

Tornado toll

Andover, Kansas — Bulldozers cut through twisted wreckage in the trailer park hardest hit by tornadoes which killed 29 people. Hundreds of homes were destroyed as at least 30 "twisters" ripped through Kansas, killing 26 people, and 18 tornadoes affected Oklahoma, where three people died. More than 200 were injured in the states. *(AP)*

Food prices up

Peking — China has announced large price increases on staple foods, saying they were necessary because of the crushing burden of government subsidies which have quadrupled in 10 years. Flour goes up by 54 per cent and vegetable oil by 108 per cent, and prices of goods made from them will increase. *(Reuter)*

Africans press to provide UN chief

From JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

AS THE selection race for the next United Nations secretary-general gets under way, British-backed attempts to ensure an open competition have received a setback.

Countries from the Third World on the UN Security Council have rejected a Belgian suggestion, made with British, American and Austrian support, that a letter be sent to governments inviting them to present candidates to succeed Javier Pérez de Cuéllar when he ends his second five-year term on December 31.

The decision, taken by the council at its first full discussion of the appointment process on Friday night, foreshadows an ugly fight over whether it is an African's turn to hold the post, or should go to the best candidate, irrespective of nationality.

Whoever is chosen by the 15-nation council will be a key figure in the "new world order", presiding over an organisation no longer paralysed by superpower conflict and tension between the West and the Third World.

African countries argue that the new appointee should come from their continent, as it has never before provided the leading UN official. So far, the post was held by Trygve Lie, a Norwegian, Dag Hammarskjold, a Swede, U Thant, a Burmese, and Kurt Waldheim, now the Austrian president, before Señor Pérez de Cuéllar, who is Peruvian.

The council has agreed that the new secretary-general should be named in mid-October, but African countries are trying to keep the UN out of the selection process until they have agreed on a single African candidate to present to the West. They expect to agree on a candidate, or at least a shortlist, at the OAU summit in Nigeria in June.

Though not objecting to an African holding the job, Britain rejects the notion that it is Africa's turn to provide the secretary-general and has pushed for a more open selection process to find the best candidate. But African countries, sensing a Western plot, rejected that proposal.

Bihar's caste thugs face big security offensive

From CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN BIHAR SHARIF, BIHAR

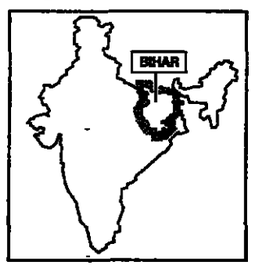
TENS of thousands of security personnel are preparing to move into central and southern Bihar to subdue caste armies making ready for battle in next month's Indian general election.

The region is one of the most backward in India. Cheap, home-made guns are being added to the formidable armoury of caste thugs.

Paramilitary forces will move in strength into the primitive central district of Nalanda, epicentre of caste and religious strife. Superintendent Anil Kumar Mallick, the district head of police, said many home-made guns had been captured. "The barrels are made from the tubing of bicycle frames. One shot and they split, two shots and you blow your face off. Yours for 250 rupees (£7)."

India's democracy is nowhere more threadbare than in Nalanda, where Hindus have no choice but to vote on strictly caste lines. Strife between Muslims and Hindus adds another divisive dimension. Large numbers of Muslims were killed in riots a decade ago and continue to come under occasional siege.

Rajiv Gawba, the district magistrate, in an obvious reference to the beleaguered Muslims, said: "People at the receiving end of extremist violence have stockpiled arms. When a village is attacked, they defend it. This process has gone on since the 1981



riots." Each caste has its own *sena*, or army. Additionally, politicians maintain gangs of thugs, known as *goondas*, who intimidate voters and act as bodyguards. Freelance gangs offer their services to politicians for enormous fees.

Nalanda district is dominated by the backward Kurmi caste, followed by the Yadavs (also backward), the lowly Harijans (untouchables), and the Muslims. There is also a nucleus of upper-caste Brahmins, Bhumihars and Rajputs. It is an explosive mixture, especially at elections.

The Kurmis' *sena*, known as Bhoomi, frequently battles with the Yadavs' *sena*, called Lorik. Wealthy landlords protect themselves with a newly formed private army called Sunlight *Sena*. Only the Harijans are without any self-protection. "Democracy is dead here," said Kedar Singh, a teacher in the girls' high school in Bihar Sharif, the half-derelict district capital.

While castes act out their ancient feuds, politicians unleash large numbers of *goondas* on election day. The thugs take over polling stations and stuff the ballot boxes.

State police estimate that 250,000 licensed guns and one million illegal weapons are in the hands of *goondas* and *senas*. The nexus between crime and politics in Bihar is unequalled anywhere in India, with at least 40 state assembly members known to be criminals. One of them was waiting to be hanged for murder when he was elected, ensuring a sympathetic appeal hearing.

Salvador reform package agreed

From REUTER IN MEXICO CITY

THE government and left-wing rebels in El Salvador have agreed to a package of constitutional reforms which a United Nations envoy said would hasten the end of the country's 11-year civil war.

"The agreements are important ... without a doubt, it's going to help negotiations," Alvaro de Soto, the UN envoy, said before the signing ceremony on Saturday that ended more than three weeks of talks in a Mexico City hotel. Both sides said the accord laid the groundwork for reforms that would tackle the root causes of the war which has killed 75,000 people. But rebel leaders said there was still a long way to go before peace was achieved.

Joaquim Villalobos, one of the five rebel chiefs of the Farabundo Martí National Liberation Front, told a press conference: "We have only just begun to negotiate. It is a partial accord because there are many more problems needing to be solved."

The reform package proposes the strengthening of civilian control of the armed forces which human rights groups hold responsible for the deaths of tens of thousands of civilians during the war. It also seeks a more independent judicial and electoral system.

The agreement also covers the formation of a three-member body known as "the truth commission", to be named by Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN secretary-general, to investigate the most serious human rights violations since 1980. Specific proposals for reform of the 1983 constitution include the removal of police and intelligence units from military to civilian control.

Mulroney goes on attack

From JOHN BEST IN OTTAWA

FACED with a broadening conflict in Canada over national unity and with time running short, Brian Mulroney, the federal prime minister, has come out fighting.

Mr Mulroney made a foray into western Canada last week and in a key speech in Calgary, Alberta, attacked both the Quebec separatists and a new right-wing fundamentalist party that he apparently considers almost as dangerous. The new Reform party is based in Alberta but has planted roots in all four western provinces and is starting to organise in heavily populated Ontario as well. It has one MP already and there is also a member sitting in the Senate. Many observers believe it is capable of winning enough seats in the federal election, a year to two years from now, to give it the balance of power in a parliament of minorities.

The growing strength of the Reformists was demonstrated in a recent Gallup poll which showed them with the support of 16 per cent of Canadians, two percentage points more than Mr Mulroney's faltering Conservatives. The Liberal party led the poll with 32 per cent and the left-wing New Democratic party was second, with 26.

"The common ground between the Quebec separatists and the leaders of the Reform party is that the road to their success runs straight through the failure of Canada," Mr Mulroney said in Calgary.

British scientists hope fungi will revive the rainforests

By NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

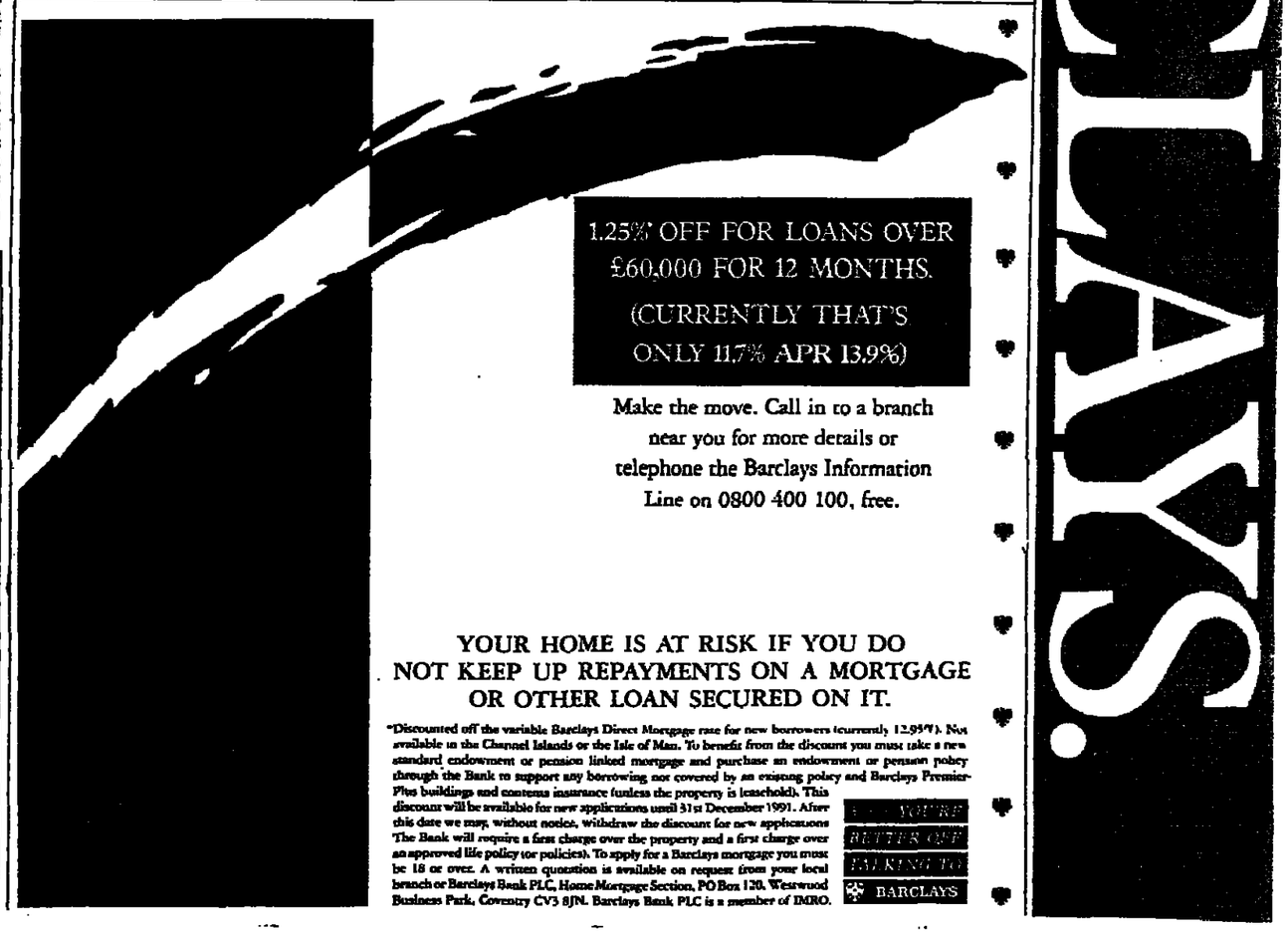
FUNGI could transform some of the world's most impoverished lands into soils rich enough for crops and rainforests to be replanted. British scientists claim. A team from the University of Kent, Canterbury, has arrived in Indonesia armed with technology which they claim could be the key to sustainable agriculture in the Third World.

The hope is to isolate natural fungal strains for injection into trees of the Javan and Sumatran rainforest, thousands of which are to be planted on eroded local land which is deemed too poor to sustain life. Tests with British winter wheat and tropical crops have shown that the fungi, which have lived in plant roots for millions of years, can act as powerful natural fertiliser factories, thus ending the need for the highly priced chemicals that can damage the environment.

Research and field work in the Middle East, Colombia, Peru and Indonesia, also indicates that the fungi, called vesicular-arbuscular mycorrhizals, or VAMs, can transform the nutrient-denuded soils of the savannah, the eroded slopes of mountains, and deforested areas into regions able again to sustain human habitation.

The scientists are led by John Dodd, senior research fellow in the university's biological laboratory and a scientist at the Durrell Institute of Conservation and Ecology.

● **BELEM:** Jose Goldemberg, the Brazilian science minister, told a seminar hosted by the Prince of Wales on the royal yacht Britannia, docked near this Amazonian port, that his country reaffirmed its demand that industrialised nations must pay for the damage they do to the environment (Louise Byrne writes). The prince, greeted with "Charles go home" banners protesting at the lack of Amazonian representatives at the seminar, flew back to Britain with the Princess of Wales afterwards.



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Philby: anti-communist guerrillas betrayed

Forgotten prisoners lose hope in Albanian village of fear

In East Europe's last gulag, Tim Judah finds the victims of communism's wartime victory in Albania still trapped in destitution and despair at Sektor Gradishte

WHILE the rest of Eastern Europe emerges from communism, Albania is emerging from stalinism. Sektor, which means "workplace", is an hour's walk from Gradishte village. It is Albania's gulag, home to the last prisoners of the second world war.

Living here are the children and grandchildren of senior personalities who worked for or fought the Italians and Germans during the war and then opposed the communists in the 1943-44 civil war.

"I feel like a lost man," said Lek Miraka, aged 48, who has spent all his life in prison or internal exile. His father was a minister during the Italian wartime occupation of Albania. He was first interned in May 1945 with his mother and brother. He has known no other life but internment camp, prison, and the internal exile of Sektor Gradishte. During the 1980s he spent seven years in jail.

The 300 former internees and their families live in houses they have built from mud, straw and bamboo. They live three or four to a room, have an outside common lavatory, one village tap for drinking water and another for washing. The village, which is also home to some 200 others who live in blocks, is awash with mud.

When not in prison, the children of Albania's prewar elite have worked in the fields as peasants. "We are wretched," said Hyrie Kupi, aged 60, the daughter of a wartime monarchist leader.

Her husband is Viktor Dosti, aged 66, the son of Albania's former chief justice and a leader of the wartime *Balli Kombetar*, which fought variously with and against the Italians and Germans and also with and against the communists. He said: "For us this life is not yet finished. We have no hope of integrating back into normal life. For us nothing has changed."

Technically, those still interned in Sektor Gradishte were told they could leave a year ago. Few have been able to. Lek Miraka said: "We have no other home, no jobs and no money, so how can we go?"

Not all the internees or their families were sent to Sektor Gradishte because of their family backgrounds. Myrfet Totolaku, aged 64, who has photographs of his family in America, infiltrated into Albania as an anti-communist guerrilla in 1952. There were several such ill-fated missions, betrayed by Kim Philby, the Soviet agent.

Jonuz Cani, aged 46, said: "In 1957 my father complained that he did not want his land to be collectivised. He was arrested, charged with 'agitation and propaganda' and shot. After that the whole family were sent here, but after five years we were released. But of course our home had been destroyed and our land had gone, so we stayed here."

Before last year those still legally interned in Sektor Gradishte had to turn up to a roll call twice a day. The punishment for going missing for an hour was five years in jail. Above all, fear was maintained in the village by the fact that some prisoners, known and unknown, were informers for the Sigurimi, the secret police. "They are still among us," said Viktor Dosti.

Today the mood of one former internee of Sektor Gradishte is surprisingly forgiving. "The government of Albania brought us here, all we expect is that they take us back," said Viktor's brother, Tomor, aged 61.

● VIENNA: Albania's authorities appealed for calm yesterday after rioting left at least two people burnt to death in a train. A report by the interior minister, Gramoz Rucaj, quoted by the state news agency, said the train was set on fire in the northern town of Shkoder by thousands stopped from emigrating. *(Reuter)*

Yeltsin tries to rein in Siberian pit strikers

From BRUCE CLARK IN MOSCOW

BORIS Yeltsin, the Russian leader, flies to Siberia today to urge striking miners to return to work, indicating his willingness to move quickly towards meeting his obligations, and consolidate his political gains, under his new accord with President Gorbachev.

The advantages appear to include much greater independence for the Russian Federation, even in such sensitive matters as intelligence. A long-mooted agreement to set up a separate KGB structure for Mr Yeltsin's republic is almost ready for signing.

Although many of the miners' leaders who launched a coal strike at the beginning of March have censured Mr Yeltsin for allegedly betraying their interests, there are signs that the federation government still holds the key to ending the dispute. Miners in the Arctic region of Vorkuta, and in the city of Mezhdurechensk in the Kuzbass mining area of Siberia, have already agreed to resume work after reaching deals to bring their pits under the authority of the Russian republic, rather than the central government.

Delegates from at least one other city in the Kuzbass arrived in Moscow at the weekend to negotiate a similar deal. The transfer of pits from federal to republic control is assumed to underpin the wide-ranging changes in the coal industry's structure, which Mr Yeltsin has promised to set out during his visit.

Hardcore strike organisers remain sceptical of Mr Yeltsin's efforts. A spokesman for the militant Moscow-based Independent „Miners' Union said the Russian leader was not empowered to deal with the strikers' political demands, which at their most militant have included the resignation of President Gorbachev and the transfer of all power to the republics. An ad-hoc group of deputies from different republics, which could address political demands, is trying to arrange a compromise.

While many Kuzbass miners have made it clear in recent days that they now have little faith in the Russian leader, other factors, such as economic hardship and the danger that some pits will physically collapse, could prompt them to go back to work. The Russian government should benefit in the long run from control of the Kuzbass mines, but the short-term effect of taking them over will be an increased subsidy burden.

News of the imminent establishment of a Russian KGB came from Sergei Sepachin, the chairman of the republic's committee on intelligence. He said it would be the subject of an agreement to be signed by Mr Yeltsin and the KGB chief, Vladimir Kryuchkov, in a week's time.

● **Ossetia challenge:** The Georgian parliament voted at the weekend to start carving up the disputed territory of South Ossetia, which is seeking Soviet protection from Georgian nationalists. The vote was a further challenge to the authority of President Gorbachev in his struggle to keep the Soviet Union from falling apart. *(Reuter)*

Trial for Stasi minister

Berlin — German judicial authorities have brought charges against Erich Mielke, the former East German state security (Stasi) minister, making him the second member of the communist old guard to face trial.

Jutta Limbach, the Berlin justice senator (minister), said that Herr Mielke, aged 83, was accused of numerous crimes, including illegal phone-tapping, embezzlement and helping to falsify election results. His lawyers claim he is not fit enough to stand trial. *(Reuter)*

Explosives find

Athens — Greek police believe explosives discovered in a field at Salonika are linked to a bombing near the British consulate at Patras on April 19 in which seven people were killed. Police said the explosives, an anti-tank rocket and grenades, probably belonged to three Palestinians arrested on Saturday. *(Reuter)*

Winning women

Appenzell, Switzerland (AP) — Twenty years after they won the vote, women conquered the last Swiss bastion of male supremacy when they joined the annual legislative assembly of Appenzell-Rhodes, the country's smallest state, by order of the supreme court. *(AP)*

Borg stays away

Milan — Bjorn Borg, the Swedish tennis star, was not present when his Italian wife, Loredana Berte, aged 40, left hospital after recovering from a suicide attempt. *(Reuter)*



Touch and go: a determined delegate at the heated German Green party congress in Neumünster is removed from the podium as he tries to speak through a megaphone after the microphone was switched off during his address. Yesterday, the 400 delegates from western Germany and the 60 from the east elected a new left-wing collegial leadership with Christine Weiske, aged 41, a physician from Berlin, and former MP in the West German lower house, and Ludger Vollmer, aged 39, as their spokesmen (AFP reports). Fran Weiske had challenged two relatively middle-of-the-road party militants and former Bundestag MPs, Petra Kelly and Antje Vollmer. Radical ecologists, who are a small faction on the left of the party, announced that they would leave the party next month. Last December, only two eastern Germans entered parliament on a Greens-Alliance 90 ticket, Alliance 90 being one of several groups that initiated the 1989 drive for reforms in communist East Germany. Western German Greens, are still represented in regional parliaments, and are junior members in coalition governments with the Social Democrats in the states of Lower Saxony and Hessen.

Bavarian allies put pressure on Kohl

From IAN MURRAY IN BONN

AN OPEN battle for control of German government policy has broken out inside the centre-right coalition after the humiliating defeat last week of the Christian Democrats, the party of Helmut Kohl, the chancellor, in his home state of Rhineland-Palatinate.

The Christian Social Union (CSU), the Bavarian sister party of the Christian Democrats (CDU), is even threatening to leave the government unless it has a much larger say in drawing up policy and more curbs are placed on Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the foreign minister, and his liberal Free Democrats.

Herr Kohl has acknowledged the seriousness of the complaints by agreeing to a private meeting on Friday with Theo Waigel, the finance minister and CSU leader, and Max Streibl, the prime minister of Bavaria, who led the CSU to outright victory in the state elections last October.

The chancellor, also under attack from within his party, has summoned a special conference of the CDU leadership, to be held in Berlin early in June, when he will try to stifle the growing criticism against him. But he has no real rival in the party, and the coalition would still have a majority in the Bundestag if the CSU did pull out, so he is not under immediate threat.

Toss of coin decides tussle for EC job

From GEORGE BROCK IN MONDORF-LES-BAINS

BUREAUCRATS and ministers of the European Community have spent many happy hours this year agonising over whether they can polish up their decision-making. Yesterday they broke new ground by resolving a tricky senior appointment on the toss of a coin.

Over the weekend, the foreign ministers of the Twelve had to make up their minds about the Brussels-based job directing the diplomatic network through which the community decides its foreign policy stances. The post is sensitive, influential and carries ambassador rank.

The shortlist was down to two candidates. These were Brian Crowe, the British ambassador in Vienna, and a senior Belgian diplomat, Pierre Champenoy.

On Saturday evening a secret ballot produced a 6-6 tied vote. A bilateral negotiation between the candidates' champions, Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, and his Belgian counterpart, Mark Eyskens, failed to break the deadlock. The choice lay with Jacques Poos, the nervous, white-haired foreign minister of Luxembourg.

Mr Poos decided to reject a compromise which would have allowed both men to do the job for half the allotted period each. He then made a far-reaching innovation in the community's intricate and arcane procedures. He pulled out a Belgian franc, allowed both the ministers to inspect the coin and tossed it. Belgium won. Mr Champenoy takes the job; Mr Crowe stays in Vienna. The foreign ministers, who talked of little else when not absolutely obliged to stick to their official agenda, seemed very taken with the speed and efficiency of the decision.

You could tell that they fancied the idea of extending coin-flipping into other, even more intractable, areas. There are two months of the Luxembourg presidency of the community to run. Their chairmen could change the history of the European Community if they would only make bolder use of the francs in their pockets.

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Artful Florence goes for plastic touch

From ANDREW MCEWEN IN MILAN



The copy boy: David, in Piazza della Signoria, has been replaced twice

FIFTY statues and bas-reliefs in Florence have been substituted with copies made of plastic, causing a dispute over how far conservation authorities should go in their efforts to save Italy's crumbling artistic heritage.

Thousands of tourists have paused in the Boboli Gardens to photograph a bizarre statue of the dwarf Morgante, unaware that it is made of glassfibre and that the original is in a museum.

Many of the works in the Piazza della Signoria, the main square, have been replaced with copies to protect them against pollution and vandalism. Most are made of a composite of marble and other materials, or bronze or stone, but the weathercock on the top of the tower of the Palazzo Vecchio, with its coat of arms depicting a lily, is a reinforced resin copy.

The bas-reliefs around the pedestal of the famous statue of Perseus by Benvenuto Cellini, under the arches of the Loggia dei Lanzi, are made of the same material. The statue itself is original, but studies on replacing it with a copy were about to begin when the *Corriere della Sera* disclosed the programme of substitutions.

Clearly embarrassed, the town hall has begun putting pressure on the conservation authorities to think again. Gianni Conti, deputy mayor, said he could not accept the Perseus statue being replaced by a copy. "The city's image is at stake," he said. But the conservation authorities remain unrepentant, pointing out that Italy has been replacing its art works for over a century.

Michelangelo's statue of David in Piazza della Signoria was switched as early as 1873, and when the copy wore out it was replaced with another.

Domenico Valentino, the superintendent conservationist, said that once the principle of using copies had been accepted, the material employed was a secondary issue.

This seems not to have convinced the mayor, Giorgio Morales, who said: "Florence will never be a city of copies." And it is true that the works substituted are only a tiny percentage of the estimated 600,000 sculptures, carvings and paintings in the city.

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Shamir blocks concession by Levy on US peace plan

From RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL yesterday reneged on a promise made to James Baker, the American Secretary of State, on an open-ended proposal for a Middle East peace conference. Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli prime minister, overruled David Levy, the foreign minister, on a key concession regarding Washington's peace initiative.

In a move which exposed deep divisions within the leadership of the right-wingIsraeli government, Mr Shamir asserted his authority when he countermanded a promise made on Friday by Mr Levy to Mr Baker that Israel would agree to attend open-ended regional peace talks.

"We are opposed to that because if there are subsequent sessions of the same meeting or conference, we will never get to direct negotiations," Mr Shamir said yesterday. The move will undoubtedly infuriate the State Department and place additional strains on relations between the two countries.

"Secretary of State Baker, as a mediator who wants to succeed in his mission, wants to be able to go to the Arabs and say, here, Israel agrees that it will be a continuing conference," said Mr Shamir, voicing the suspicions held by many Israeli hardliners that Washington wants to force concessions out of Israel rather than the Arab states.

The controversy, which led to all but one cabinet minister backing Mr Shamir against Mr Levy, centres on the format of a proposed regional peace conference. After the cabinet meeting Mr Levy accused the prime minister of getting "cold feet" over the American peace plans.

Mr Levy agreed with Mr Baker that Israel would not object to the convening of talks every six months as long as each participant had the right to veto further meetings.

However, Mr Shamir is afraid that if decisions are made in an international forum, unacceptable conditions will be imposed on Israel by the other parties, and that it could be forced to trade captured Arab lands for peace. He prefers the idea of negotiating separately with the Arab states in the hope of signing individual peace agreements.

When Mr Levy's concession was originally announced, along with four other points of agreement, the coalition government was threatened with collapse as three of the smaller right-wing parties vowed they would walk out and key Likud leaders, like Moshe Arens, the defence minister, denounced Mr Levy publicly.

Initially Mr Shamir tried to salve the situation in his talks with Mr Baker later on Friday, but the meeting was cut short when the US Secretary of State received news of his mother's death and had to return home immediately.

Mr Shamir will now have to wait for the fall-out from Washington. US reports suggested that the White House was considering "shock treatment" against Israel.

● DAMASCUS: President Assad of Syria said yesterday that Israel, not the Arabs, were blocking US efforts to solve the Arab-Israeli conflict. But he added that while Syria wanted peace it would not abandon its rights or bargain them away. *(Reuter)*



Bread of life: starving Kurds fighting and jostling each other yesterday to get their hands on a few small pieces of free bread being handed out between the bars of the police building in Zakho. For some time there have been no loaves available for sale in the shops of the town

Jordan plea on embargo

Amman — Jordanian officials complained yesterday that multinational forces are crippling Jordan's economy by continuing to apply a UN embargo on ships bound for the Red Sea port of Aqaba.

Jordan's only port was devastated by the UN embargo imposed on Iraq after its invasion of Kuwait. Aqaba handled 70 per cent of ship traffic for Iraq before the war. But Jordanians complained that the coalition forces were also illegally turning back most goods that were clearly marked for Jordan itself.

Bassam Qaqish, director of Aqaba District Authority, said: "The war is over and UN sanctions are partially lifted on Iraq, but the embargo against Aqaba remains. Some ships are inspected four times before they are allowed to proceed to the port." *(AP)*

Patriot criticised

Washington — The Israeli armed forces, despite the praise lavished on the American Patriot missiles during the Gulf war for intercepting Iraqi Scuds over civilian areas, are now criticising the system as being less accurate and effective than Washington had led them to believe. *(AFP)*

Banks attacked

Istanbul — Nine bombs exploded at banks and the premises of private companies in Turkey at the weekend, but no one was hurt. Last week there were more than a dozen bomb attacks throughout the country, and Dev-Sol (Revolutionary Left), claimed responsibility. *(Reuter)*

Cyprus success leads way for UN

By DAVID WATTS
DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

THE precedent for Britain's new doctrine of peace-keeping in northern Iraq is a small force on Cyprus which stands as testimony to the success of the idea.

Just as the force destined to protect the Kurds springs from a British idea, so did the original one on Cyprus which was first deployed "temporarily" in 1964. It is a tribute to the heirs of that force that today intercommunal violence in Cyprus is a relative rarity. The last death on the Attila line, which divides Turks from Greeks, was in 1989 when tempers flared across no-man's-land, which is only 50 yards wide in places.

The Cyprus United Nations Civilian Police was first deployed on April 14, 1964, at the request of the Cyprus government and thus without the need for a resolution. It was to accompany local police on patrol, checking vehicles, investigating traffic offences and making vehicle searches as well as working on alleged cross-community violations by both Greeks and Turks. Though they had freedom to roam the island, they arrest only in no-man's-land.

A probable contributory factor in the success of the 39-man police force of Australians and Swedes is the presence of the armed UN peace-keeping force of 2,137 men, with the British sovereign bases and British Wessex helicopters ready as logistical support.

The antecedents of the British idea are clear from the Cyprus example. It would appear a relatively simple matter for the United Nations' representative, Eric Suy, to request a police force and for the Iraqis to comply, given the extent of their compliance up to date. It would be possible for the new force to come into being without the need for a UN resolution, while backing for the force is already there in the shape of allied aircraft patrolling Iraqi skies.

Concrete covers shame of Shias' holy sites

From ADAM KELLIHER IN KARBALA

THREE more buildings came tumbling down in a choking cloud of dust, felled by Iraq's ministry of religious affairs under a plan to create a sanitary zone of concrete around two of the holiest shrines of the Shia religion.

The signs outside the battle-scarred mosques of Hussin and Abass say that the project is for "widening and developing the area", an oblique explanation for what could prove highly incendiary among the world's millions of Shias.

When holy places are desecrated by bloodshed and political turmoil, governments tend to sanitise the area, with the object of proving their control and of wiping out a recent ignoble slice of history. Looking at what happened in Karbala during the past month, there is plenty that the government of President Saddam Hussein must prefer to forget.

During a press visit to the city, the demolition programme was in full swing, with soldiers cordoning off residential sections around Abass mosque while others planted explosives in the surrounding houses. Entire buildings flanking a central boulevard linking the two mosques had been reduced to mounds of rubble since I had visited ten days earlier. Men, women and children stumbled over the wreckage, salvaging articles and dragging away debris on hand carts.

The official explanation is that the area is being upgraded and will be turned into a plaza flanked by high-rise buildings and shops. "These houses are a danger, and we will dynamite them because they are very old," a spokesman said. "For the people, the government has built new houses in Karbala, good houses with water and electricity."

Within the lanes of condemned buildings, little had left unscathed by the rebellion. Shop doors had been smashed and goods looted. Small kebab restaurants had been wrecked. But some narrow alleys retained their charm, with traditional houses built of mud, covered verandas with filigree woodwork hung over the street, reminiscent of Elizabethan England.

Karbala was one of the cities most devasted in last month's anti-government Shia rebellion and subsequent crackdown, and few residents are willing to speak to outsiders.

Reconstruction of holy sites invariably inflames factional religious feeling, and there is no doubt that Saddam is conscious of the emotional significance of Karbala to Shias.

The two eighth-century mosques are the resting places of Hussin and Abass, the two sons of Ali who was the first Imam of the Shia branch of Islam. In 680AD, they tried in vain to rally the population against an army led by Yazid, an invader from Damascus. They chose to fight and die rather than be dishonoured.

The failure of Shias to help the devout men remains a source of shame to this day. The elegant mosques mark where the brothers fell.

In their efforts to quell the recent revolution, Iraqi troops appear to have tried to spare the mosques as far as possible, restricting themselves to small arms fire, but bullets and rocket-propelled grenades caused plenty of damage to the golden-domed buildings.

Some rooms are burnt out and bullets and the bullet-holes pockmark the ornate tile work, which consists of extracts from the Koran in swirling Arabic scripts, and elaborate Islamic motifs. Officials say expert workers from India have already bought in to repair the damage.

Inside a room the rebels had used to treat their wounded the floor was scattered with used drug packets, blood-stained swabs of cotton wool, broken beds and shattered bottles of medicine. Blood was sprayed across one wall, perhaps splashed from the impact of a bullet. "The people in here fought," said a soldier. "Many people died here." *(This report was subject to Iraqi censorship)*

Druze hand over arms

From JUAN CARLOS GUMUCIO IN BEIRUT

THE mightiest militia in Lebanon's Muslim camp yesterday handed over its arsenal to the Syrian army in line with plans to eliminate all private armies by Wednesday.

The 6,000-strong Progressive Socialist party of the Druze leader, Walid Jumblatt, surrendered about 60 tonnes of heavy weapons, including T 54 tanks and mortars to Syrian army officers in a brief ceremony at the Ein el-Zhalta village in the Chouf mountains southeast of the capital.

Echoing the words of President Hrawi of Lebanon, who proclaimed the end of 16 years of civil war this month, Mr Jumblatt said: "The cause for military conflict in Lebanon has ceased to exist."

Syria is expected to hand over the Druze arsenal to the Lebanese army, which will be deployed to areas given up by the militias. The Shia Muslim Amal movement and the pro-Syrian "Marada" militia have surrendered their weapons already, sources said.

Mr Jumblatt's move was a key step towards a comprehensive demilitarisation of factions in Lebanon by May 1. But discussions are still continuing on the presence of armed Palestinians.

Iranians in battle with drug traders

From REUTER IN NICOSIA

IRANIAN anti-narcotics agents fought a two-day gun battle with heavily armed drug traders and brought in the air force to help crush the smugglers, Tehran radio said yesterday.

Security forces, tracking the drug runners for nearly a week, killed or wounded 25 of them during fighting in a remote southeastern area. The rest fled, leaving behind half a tonne of narcotics. The radio said a security officer told a press conference that the operation ran from last Sunday to Friday.

Caravans of drugs, manned by tribal people, were filing through the province of Baluchistan va Sistan, near the Pakistani and Afghan borders, when the agents struck. The smugglers held off the agents for two days, the radio, monitored by the BBC, quoted the official as saying. He gave no details of the air force involvement.

Tehran told a United Nations meeting in Vienna on drug trafficking on Friday that narcotics smuggling had fallen in Iran in the past year. It said about 1,500 tonnes of illicit drugs were produced in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Tehran was taking tough action to thwart the transit in Iran.

Tehran backed on Gulf security

From MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

IRAN, courting international respectability and keen to be acknowledged as a regional power, won important backing from Syria and Saudi Arabia this weekend when both countries said it should have a role in the future security of the Gulf region.

Syria's endorsement was not surprising as the two are old allies. It came on the second day of talks in Damascus between President Assad and Iran's President Rafsanjani, on his first trip abroad since taking office in 1989.

"Syria has always said and emphasised that Iran should have a role in the higher affairs of the region due to the links between Iran and Arabs in various matters," said *al-Baath*, the ruling party newspaper.

Tehran was angry when, in March six Gulf Arab states, along with Egypt and Syria, signed a Gulf security pact that made no mention of Iran. It felt this was a poor reward for its neutrality during the Gulf war, and it was keen to exclude Egypt from any security structure, insisting it was not a Gulf state. President Rafsanjani said at a dinner in his honour: "We announce our readiness to co-operate sincerely with countries of the region to preserve security in a way that would serve the interests of the Islamic countries."

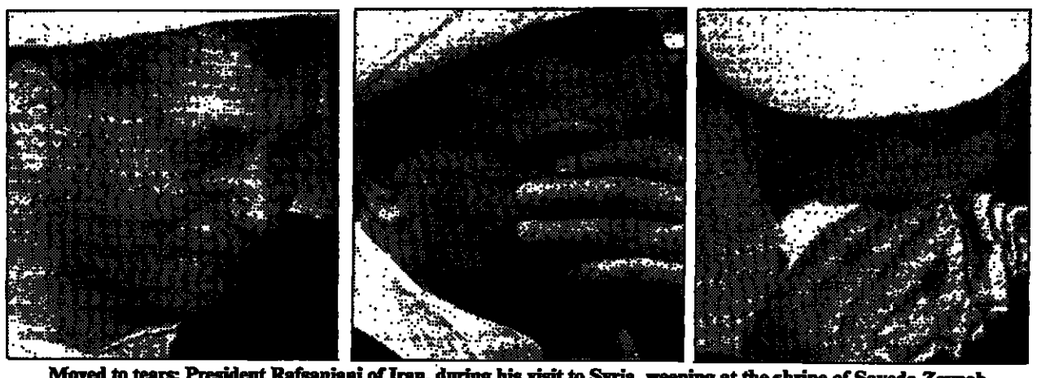
The conservative Gulf monarchies have long been suspicious of the Islamic state that under Ayatollah Khomeini was pledged to overthrow them. But since the Ayatollah's death two years ago, President Rafsanjani has worked to improve relations and last month renewed ties with Saudi Arabia, the most important of them all.

Ali Akbar Velayati, Iran's foreign minister, said on Saturday, after his visit to Saudi Arabia which marked their new warmer relations, that Iran and Saudi Arabia, "as the two leading countries in the Persian Gulf", had agreed to work for regional security through closer ties.

He said Saudi Arabia had also promised to help Iran cope with its more than a million refugees from Iraq. Iran's news agency, Irna, said on Saturday that between two and three hundred were still arriving at its borders each day and that the international aid provided so far was wholly inadequate. Iran is stressing the scale of the refugee problem in southern Iraq. Irna has reported that eight hundred thousand people have fled to marshes near its border, where disease is spreading rapidly.

Its claim nearly two weeks ago went largely unreported until Western correspondents leaving Iraq said they had heard similar claims by Shia government officials in Baghdad who were keen for the news to get out. Unconfirmed reports by Iraqi opposition groups, quoted by Irna, said Shia rebels are still fighting and seized Basra, the scene of previous heavy fighting, on Wednesday night. It spoke of "heroic and ferocious battles" between rebels and Republican Guards. Rebels successes were also reported in the holy city of Karbala and other southern towns. There has been no independent confirmation of these reports.

Iran's news agency has also carried new reports of massacres in southern Iraq. Tariq Aziz, Iraq's deputy prime minister, yesterday insisted there was no Shia problem.



Moved to tears: President Rafsanjani of Iran, during his visit to Syria, weeping at the shrine of Sayeda Zeynab, the martyred daughter of Imam Ali, the son of the prophet Muhammad revered as the founder of the Shia sect

Troops join children at Saddam's birthday party

From ADAM KELLIHER IN TAKRIT AND MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

PRESIDENT Saddam Hussein turned 54 yesterday and the state media ensured his subjects saluted him in proper fashion. Government newspapers said he chose to spend his birthday with the Iraqi people rather than his family.

Black-haired and sprightly, the Iraqi leader beamed under headlines wishing him many happy returns. "He knows exactly what gladdens and worries them (the Iraqi people). He is very close to them and their hearts," said the government mouthpiece, *al-Joumhuriya*. Iraqis felt enormous pride in their ruler, according to the Baath party newspaper *al-Thawra*, which said he had given leadership "new Arab and international dimensions marked by honour, staightforwardness, chivalry and sacrifices".

To celebrate the birthday, the authorities ended petrol rationing, announced plans to end a nine-year ban on foreign travel and staged parades. In Takrit, centre of the region in which Saddam was born and the greatest beneficiary of his 12-year rule, the Baathists laid on dancing at a parade ground.

But it was rather a desultory party. Squads of girls and boys danced and beneath a large banner of Saddam, stern in a bedouin robe, about 300 children on a grandstand waved flowers in time to Arabic music.

On the central podium sat senior members of the Baathist hierarchy, the highest ranking being Izzat Ibrahim, vice-president of the ruling Revolutionary Command Council. Hundreds of soldiers, some bearing arms more suited for a tank battle, enforced security at the three-hour party attended by about 3,000 people — hardly a spontaneous mass turnout from the town of 150,000.

Takrit Baathists had sent a long message to Saddam, extolling his merits and inviting him to the event, but there had been no response. "He has some work to do," one party member said apologetically. "But every year the birthday party gets bigger because every year the people get happier."

The allies marked his birthday by extending their safe haven zones for Kurdish refugees, taking control of more of northern Iraq. Baghdad's tamed martial capability means that its only weapons in reply will be official protests. Saddam's only cause for birthday celebration is that he is still in power.

(Adam Kelliher's report was subject to Iraqi censorship)

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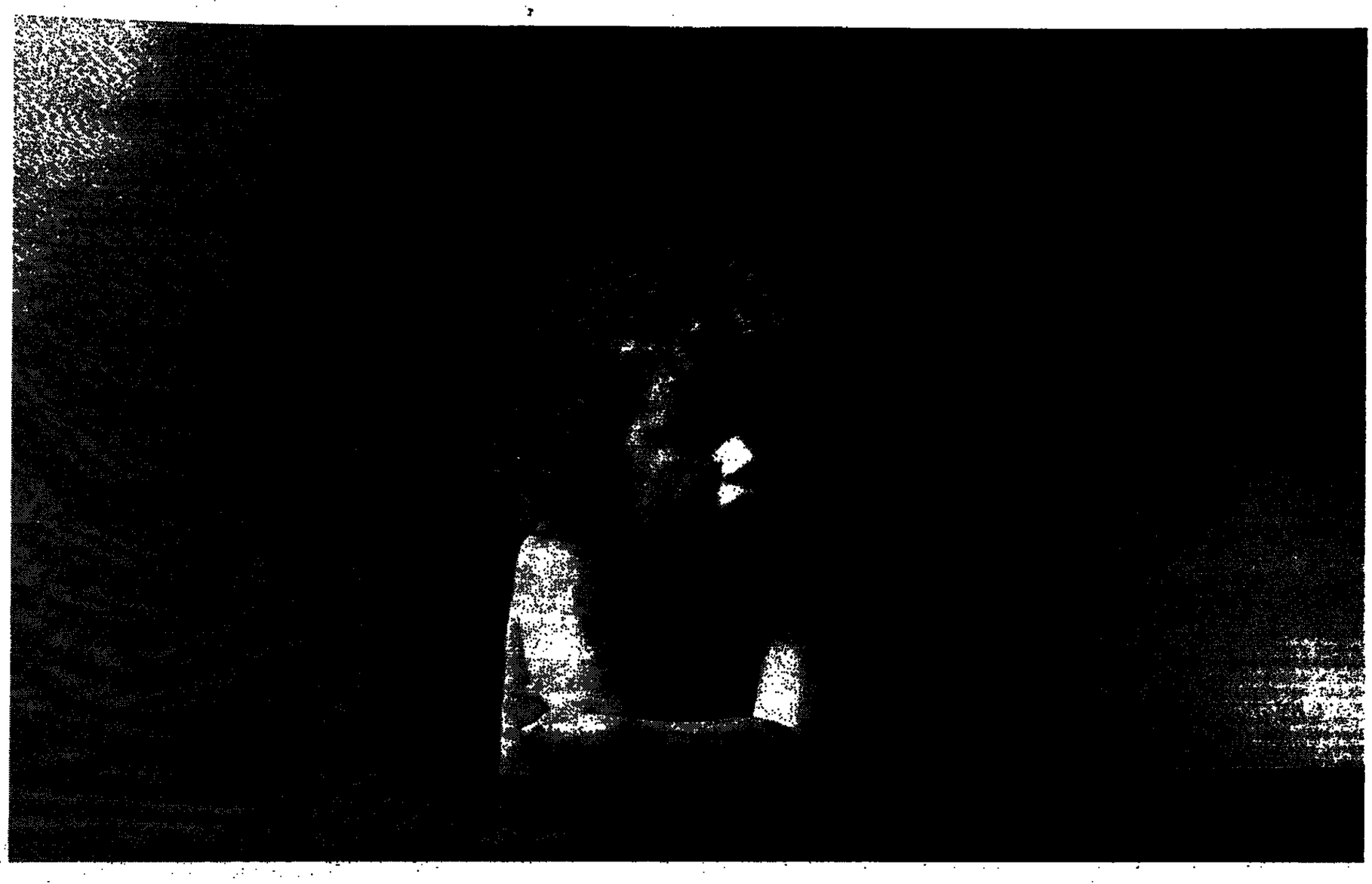


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Evasion of the body-snatchers

A picture of Madonna in a famous Marilyn Monroe pose has brought an accusation that the singer is trying to 'snatch' an image. Susan Ellicott reports on who determines how, and where, a star is shown

Bert Stern has accused Madonna of "body-snatching" Marilyn Monroe. At issue for the American photographer is not Madonna's trademark mimicry of the late sex-symbol, but the legally murky charge that she has stolen an image of Marilyn that is his. By posing semi-naked for *Vanity Fair* magazine under flesh-coloured gauze, he argues, Madonna has ripped off his Last Sitting portraits of Ms Monroe taken in 1962, barely two months before she died of an overdose, aged 36.

Lawyers for Mr Stern are working out whether he can sue the magazine, Steven Meisel, who took the shots for the April edition, or both. Mr Meisel has no comment. But the brouhaha over the Madonna-Marilyn affair has rekindled a debate about what photographers can do to prevent the most annoying form of flattery.

The widely held view in the studios of New York and Los Angeles is that Mr Stern stands almost no chance. Complain he may that *Vanity Fair* is making a lot of money from plagiarism, but many of his rivals think a judge would throw out his case on the grounds that the pictures are a parody. Mr Stern claims they dilute the impact of the originals. His opponents wonder why he should think he has a greater claim on Monroe than Madonna has.

Madonna has emerged as one of the canniest controllers of the way her fans see her. A hefty contract accompanied the Monroe pictures

The problem of "borrowing" has become so acute that one international photo-library that sells pictures to the media recently started running full-page advertisements in a trade magazine offering a reward for information leading to the successful prosecution of copycats.

Last autumn, a judge awarded more than $60,000 (£35,300) in damages to a Seattle photographer who sued an advertising agency for simulating a photograph he did of Franklin Delano Roosevelt's wheelchair in New York's Hyde Park. The firm had used the image in a $660,000 advertising campaign for General Dynamics.

As some argue about the power they think they should have over their subjects, other photographers are stunned at the lengths to which celebrities go to control their own images. Harry Langdon, a photographer of the famous and beautiful for 20 years, recently watched a client in the lobby of his Los Angeles office punch neat round holes through a series of negatives that had failed to meet her standards.

In Hollywood, such an obsession with perfection is hardly new. What concerns top photographers is the fad among today's stars for written contracts as protection against the release of anything that could spoil their carefully managed "look".

Among the wide array of conditions commonly requested are the rights to "kill" all images deemed undesirable and a say in the resale of the results. Mr Langdon estimates that about half of his work nowadays involves contracts.

He describes Diana Ross's restrictions on the use of photographs of her as outside "the known universe". Other photographers with celebrities on their client lists also name Ms Ross as one of the most stringent. Jane Fonda, he says, does not bother with paperwork, presumably trusting that he would never betray her by releasing to the public an unflattering wrinkle.

Madonna has emerged as one of the canniest controllers of the way her fans see her. The gossip from the cliquey world of New York fashion this month is that a hefty 50-page contract accompanied the *Vanity Fair* Monroe pictures. Madonna has a tough line on which foreign publications may carry the same pictures and the document almost certainly contained a promise that she would appear on the cover.

Madonna is one of the few personalities whose face ensures a fillip to circulation. Even though a cover article is free publicity for the star, the magazine had little choice: no contract, no Madonna. The picture editor of *Vanity Fair*, Susan White, acknowledging that contracts with celebrities are "a touchy subject", diverted enquiries to the managing editor, Pamela McCarthy, who did not return telephone calls.

In the growth industry of image-control, however, not even Madonna has come as near to achieving zen as the American rock group Guns N' Roses. In a hitherto unmatched step, the heavy-metal band last month began requiring the media to hand over all copyright ownership for material gathered in interviews. A two-page contract for journalists promises the group approval rights of any words or taped recordings. A three-page version for photographers grants the musicians ownership of all pictures.

Since the band's next album is not due out until the summer, the impact of the new contract system is unclear. Either a manager will decide that total image-control is not worth the lack of publicity or the group will tour amid scant reviews. Already, a handful of big regional American newspapers, *Rolling Stone* magazine and *Playboy* are among the publications that have read the small print and scoffed. Others, including the *Los Angeles Times*, refuse such contracts as a matter of policy.

If today's celebrities appear vainer and greedier than their forebears, then money is to blame. The resale value of a single picture of Madonna or Michael Jackson is often thousands of pounds. Their look is what customers are buying, and what celebrities depend upon to make millions from merchandising rights.

For all the problems heaped upon photographers by contracts, the stars do have a point. Few people have never come across a picture of themselves that they would rather burn than show to anyone. Photographers and models know that some pictures in every shoot are natural "kills".

"I've nothing against women," Mr Langdon says, "but sometimes they try to find fault with a competitor, to find a defect on Madonna. It's a fantasy thing."

Michelle Pfeiffer learnt about this public vindictiveness several months ago when *Harper's* magazine revealed that for a fold-out cover of the actress, the monthly magazine *Esquire* had paid $1,525 in retouching bills to clean up her complexion, trim her chin and soften her smile, ear lobe and neck. Lewis Lapham, *Harper's* editor, said he published the charges as a "kindness to every woman in America" faced constantly with images of female perfection in magazines. Many stars are concerned about keeping their images fresh. The last thing a super-model wants is the circulation of photographs with an outdated haircut or under-toned body. For this reason, some celebrities require the destruction of off-cuts from fashion shoots. Jeffrey Smith, a photographic agent in Manhattan, says the wife of one of the Rolling Stones (he will not say which) asked for resale rights on a set of recent pictures to expire after one year.

Gone are the days, photographers complain, of being able to stash away leftover shots, ready for a hungry publisher seeking to prepare a book about a former client. Mr Smith, noting that Robert Redford has ordered under lock and key all unapproved pictures of the making of his recent film *Havana*, says "the whole business is extremely, extremely managed".

But the big names still have the biggest say. Annie Leibovitz, one of the highest-paid photographers in America, gets away with showing untouched portraits of celebrities in a current museum exhibition, although most of her subjects would be horrified to see their unimproved versions in a colour magazine.

Increasingly, the only way to preserve a reputation is to control the release of photographs. Photographers and subjects alike are drawing the same conclusion: get an agreement on paper since magazines, too, want to tamper.

Marysa Maslansky, the agent for the photographer Herb Ritts, whose regular clients include Madonna, Cher, Kim Basinger and Richard Gere, says an Italian fashion magazine recently ignored an agreement with the photographer to approve the layout of his work. Nevertheless, she regards contracts as indispensable.

"Picasso," she explains, "would not have let one of his paintings be hung upside down."



PHIL STERN



MICHAEL JACOBS/MJP

Double trouble: Monroe in her heyday in the Sixties, and Nineties superstar Madonna presenting an almost identical image for the camera

Pushing a pet subject

Every dog – and cat – will have its days

Not many people know that dogs have 290 million more smelling cells than humans. But they will soon: such interesting facts are being used to publicise the third annual National Pet Week, which will begin on Saturday.

With the Henley Centre's recent discovery that half of Britain's households own at least one pet, the week's aim to promote responsible pet ownership has special significance. "The overall purpose is to encourage people who are going to have pets to look after them properly," says Des Thompson, a Belfast vet and the chairman and instigator of Pet Week.

The sponsors, 34 organisations ranging from the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to the Pet Food Manufacturers' Association, hope to do much to counter the anti-pet lobby which, according to Mr Thompson, "is extremely good at producing its own statistics, which are doubtful in their origin".

He refers, in particular, to toxocariasis, an infection caused by the eggs of a roundworm occasionally found in dog excrement which, when ingested by humans, can cause sickness and blindness. "The incidence of it is tiny – about 50 cases a year – but even one child whose sight is affected is one too many," he says.

To counter public fears, Pet Week is encouraging veterinary practices to offer free worming tablets to dog and cat owners. There is a cut-price pet neutering scheme for those on supplementary benefit. Britain's 2,000 veterinary practices are being encouraged to hold open evenings to enable clients to see into operating theatres and laboratories.

The 560 nationwide events that will make up Pet Week range from the Birmingham National Dog Show (May 9-12) to a non-denominational pets' blessing service in a north London church. There will be sponsored dog walks, cat shows and a chance for owners to show off such exotic pets as tarantulas, snakes, pot-bellied pigs and African giant snails. There will also be a rat show, a terrapin and tortoise exhibition and a snake day.

Children are being targeted as the pet owners of the future, with talks in schools, displays in libraries and under-18 competitions. "It's a matter of instilling the right ideas in them at an early age," says Mr David Wadsworth, of the British Veterinary Association.

Joyce King, Pet Week's national secretary, who has been working on the week since last August, believes that its benefits extend beyond the scope of pets: "A caring society starts with caring about animals."

SALLY BROMPTON

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A ticket for Major, from a former rival

The clippie who beat the premier looks back on life's journey

FROM the Coldharbour Lane in Brixton, Downing Street and west Norwood are roughly the same distance away, to the north and the south. They are not in opposite directions socially, however, nor in terms of amenity. They are squarely along the same route – upwards. John Major and his rival for that job as a bus conductor at the Camberwell garage 30 years ago have both moved up in the world, away from the bleak environment of Brixton.

Barbara Laguerre, the "lovely Jamaican lady" he remembers dancing with delight when she got the job in 1961, is today the owner-occupier of a substantial terrace house in a quiet west Norwood street, where cherry blossom blows along the pavements. She was able to send her daughter, the second youngest of her five children, to private school.



Barbara Laguerre: "I enjoyed it"

"It was a good job in those days, but it's gone down since, with privatisation and the government freezing the wages," she says. "In those days you could earn more than a miner or a teacher. And it was a service. I enjoyed it because I enjoy people."

Since his setback at the age of 18, Mr Major has rather drifted from job to job, while Miss Laguerre's career has been one of majestic consistency. She remained a bus conductor for 28 years, until she retired on medical grounds in 1989.

She has accepted the experience of suddenly becoming part of political legend with serenity and quiet enjoyment. She has politely kept her own counsel about her political opinions, and patiently put up with interviews about the days when her maths proved more reliable than that of the future Chancellor of the Exchequer and prime minister.

"He probably made a mistake in the meter, or something like that – when you're young, its easy to get flustered," she says tolerantly. They were not direct rivals for a single job, but fellow-candidates on a course with a final test which he failed (he has said he was too tall to duck on the top deck). She remembers him as a "very nice person – young and jokey. People were not so tolerant of other races in Britain in those days, but he was always very nice to me."

She must have had more experience in handling change at that time than he had. She was already 30, and had worked in canteens for London Transport and Lyons. When she came to Britain from Jamaica, in 1957, she was the first of her family to cross the Atlantic, her nine-year-old son and her brother and sister followed her.

"I didn't have life so easy myself at first," she says. "My father died and my mother had to bring up the four of us." Mr Major was not the first future prime minister she had known: Sir Alexander Bustamante, Jamaica's prime minister from 1962-67, was a family friend.

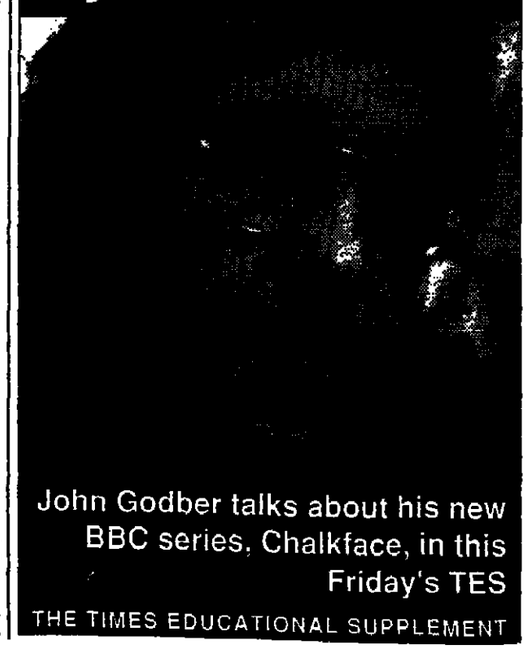
Miss Laguerre gained no impression that her rival was in particularly hard circumstances, though he was at a low point of his life. His family had been reduced to living in two rooms, and his school career had come to an early end. But she says that he showed no sign of disappointment when he was turned down.

Miss Laguerre has a firm belief in the benefits of an early struggle. "What happened to him shows that when you are young, anything can happen. I'm really pleased that he was so ambitious. Britain should be glad to have him as an example to the younger generation."

She says she would like to meet Mr Major again, "to shake his hand and congratulate him . . . I hope people in his own party give him a chance. The best person to be a prime minister is someone who has known hardship."

GEORGE HILL

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ARCHITECTURE

New light through old windows, but past glories remain

Richard Cork visits the Royal Academy to preview Norman Foster's imaginative and sympathetic partial redesign of the Piccadilly landmark

When the Royal Academy broke the inflammatory news that Sir Norman Foster would be redesigning part of Burlington House, many conservationists were aghast. What would Foster, the High Priest of High Technology, perpetrate within a building which owes its identity to the previous three centuries?

The Victorian Society was particularly upset about the demolition of the staircase leading up to the old Diploma Galleries. Why did the Academy, with Prince Charles prominent among its trustees, let such destruction mar these hallowed premises?

The full answer will only become clear on June 10, when the Queen opens the new Sackler Galleries and the accompanying redevelopment. But, after donning a hard hat and crawling my way cautiously up half-finished flights of steps, I have had a sneak preview of Foster's controversial design.

My tour began right at the top, where the old Diploma Galleries used to be. Despite the cacophony and dust generated by building work, the transformation is already spectacular.

With typical audacity, Foster has created an entirely new reception area where once there was open sky. Walls of translucent glass preserve this open-air feeling by flooding the space with light. The prevailing mood of minimal whiteness adds up to an uncompromising assertion of Foster's style, but within this spare, luminous modernity he has incorporated references to the past.

Cleverly realising that the parapet of Smirke's 19th-century Main Galleries could be used as a stone ledge, Foster allows it to run the entire length of the room. Wide enough to provide a ready-made plinth for sculptures from the Academy's collection, and some classical plaster casts owned by the RA School of Art, it also acts as a reminder of the historic architecture surrounding this cool new interior for the 1990s.

At one end, an ample niche in the wall awaits the installation of the Academy's most valuable possession: Michelangelo's tondo of *The Virgin and Child with the infant St John* is a virtuoso carving which will now, at long last, be accessible to the public in a permanent position worthy of its outstanding quality.

Foster's willingness to honour tradition, further manifested in the glass floor-panels which offer glimpses of Smirke's frontage below, continues in the Sackler Galleries themselves. At first glance, everything appears transformed. Instead of the tall, narrow and dingy Diploma rooms, three wide and limpid chambers stretched in front of me.

Foster's agile blending of ancient and modern will win converts even among the most disgruntled and zealous guardians of tradition

By lowering the ceilings, and concealing all the ductwork above them, he has quietly improved the proportions of each gallery. The pure white surfaces are undisturbed by any embellishment apart from the lines of functionalist black rectangles, which, well above my head, punctuate a discreet recess passage running around the wall. Everything is purged, serene and unselfishly dedicated to the provision of a distraction-free setting for temporary exhibitions – starting, in June, with the first survey of Fauve landscape painting ever to be held in Britan.

Even here, though, in a space armed with state-of-the-art lighting and temperature control, Foster remembers the larger context. His barrel-vault ceiling, with its sophisticated louvres controlling the flow of daylight, echoes the forms used by Smirke in the Main Galleries. So does the stone skirting below the white walls. But in every other respect the entire interior is unmistakably of its time, with no hint of pastiche or elaborate post-modernist quotations.

Despite Foster's technological expertise, I found the workforce still relying on reassuringly time-honoured methods. The pale wood floorboards were being laid with old-fashioned hammers and nails.

In one gallery, a bizarre array of electric fires and steaming coffee-jugs was laid out on the floor. It looked like an avant-garde installation at the Institute of Contemporary Arts, and presiding over these items was a man waving a rattle. Although resembling a football supporter who had lost his way to the match, he turned out to be somebody who was testing room temperatures. The jugs and fires simulated the expected body heat of gallery visitors, and the rattle is in reality a "whirling" or "aspirated hygrometer" containing two thermometers.

Visitors wanting to descend from the Sackler Galleries will be presented with a choice of two attractive exits. Both the staircase and the lift rely for their lucid elegance on Foster's love of glass. He shows them to good advantage by treating them almost as free-standing structures, displayed with unforced showmanship in the narrow lightwells separating Burlington House from the Main Galleries behind it.

Here, perhaps, is the most ingenious aspect of the whole scheme. Having been commissioned initially to upgrade the Diploma Galleries and the access to them, Foster came back to the Academy with the suggestion that access could be revolutionised in the gap between the buildings. Arthur Sackler, whose generosity provided the lion's share of the redevelopment's £9.6 million costs, backed this idea with infectious enthusiasm. So, the venture became involved with renovation as well as innovation.

By opening up the lightwells to public use, Foster has enabled the classical garden front of Old Burlington House to become visible again. Lost windows have been reinstated, along with the rusticated finish to the ground floor. Visitors using both lift and staircase will be treated to delightful glimpses of Lord Burlington's mansion, while 14 feet away the richly decorative brickwork, blind arcading and "Oeil-de-boeuf" niches of Smirke's facade have also been revealed.

In this highly charged space, three very distinctive architectural styles therefore confront one another. Foster's Late Modernism holds its own with innate grace in such distinguished company, proving that contemporary architecture can indeed live congenially with the styles of the past.

Piers Rodgers, the Academy's secretary, points out with satisfaction that "when you go into the space between the two buildings, with its lightness and transparency, you still realise that you are outdoors." Foster's ability to preserve this essential airiness is a measure of his quality as an architect, and I predict that his agile blending of ancient and modern will win converts even among the most disgruntled and zealous guardians of tradition.

PETER TRIEVNOR



Relying on reassuringly time-honoured methods: Piers Rodgers (left), secretary of the Royal Academy, inspects work in progress

RECORDS: CLASSICAL

What was the first premise?

Haydn: The Creation. CBSO/Rattle. EMI CDS 7 54159 2.
Haydn: Die Schopfung. Berlin Philharmonic/Levine. DG 427 629-2.

IN THE beginning, let it be remembered, was the word. In the latest spring flurry of re-Creations, attention has been turned not only to the musical but to the verbal editions of Haydn's *Creation/Schopfung*: should it really be in English after all?

Haydn certainly would have liked it that way. While in London, he was given a Miltonesque text, probably written by Linley, which Handel never found time or inclination to set. When Haydn returned to Vienna, the Baron van Swieten translated it into German for a first Viennese performance and then – and here the rot sets in – re-Englished it, for publication in Britain, leaving his legacy in clanking sentences like "today that is coming speaks it the day". The original English text is lost.

In brief, then, these two recordings offer the choice between retranslated semi-Miltonic, semi-Teutonic English "tidied up in the Peters Edition" and the familiar German in which Haydn actually heard, weighed and measured his original musical setting. Simon Rattle follows hard on the heels of Christopher Hogwood (L'Oiseau Lyre 430 397-20H2) in using an English text; Hogwood, though, also aimed to recreate the sound and scale of Haydn's first performances, using period instruments, extra bass winds, boys' voices and so forth.

Rattle is content to use the first published version of 1800 and the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra and Chorus. As a result, the performance has neither the freshness and scholarly interest of Hogwood's nor the sweep and stature of an old-style, large-scale reading in the von Karajan mould, like James Levine's. It is in many ways a disappointment.

Pacing is erratic both within and between numbers, orchestral balance poor, and David Thomas's recitatives are ludicrously exaggerated in their rhetoric. The overdrawn ornamentation in his "limpid brook", for example, turns into a nightmare of melismatic pollution. Philip Langridge, thank goodness, sings with a natural and rigorous understanding of musical line; Arleen Auger, sometimes a little lightweight, conjures up appropriately soft and enchanting lays for the nightingale.

Compared with Hogwood's lithe, rythmically astute *Creation* and even Rattle's robust though ill-co-ordinated performance, some listeners may find James Levine on the heavy side. Exploiting the playing of the Berlin Philharmonic to the full, Levine takes generous time and space to create a sensurround of a prelude. When Chaos abates, though, each new creation, from bird to whale, springs to life in solo detail. Levine, unlike Rattle, has a canny ear for



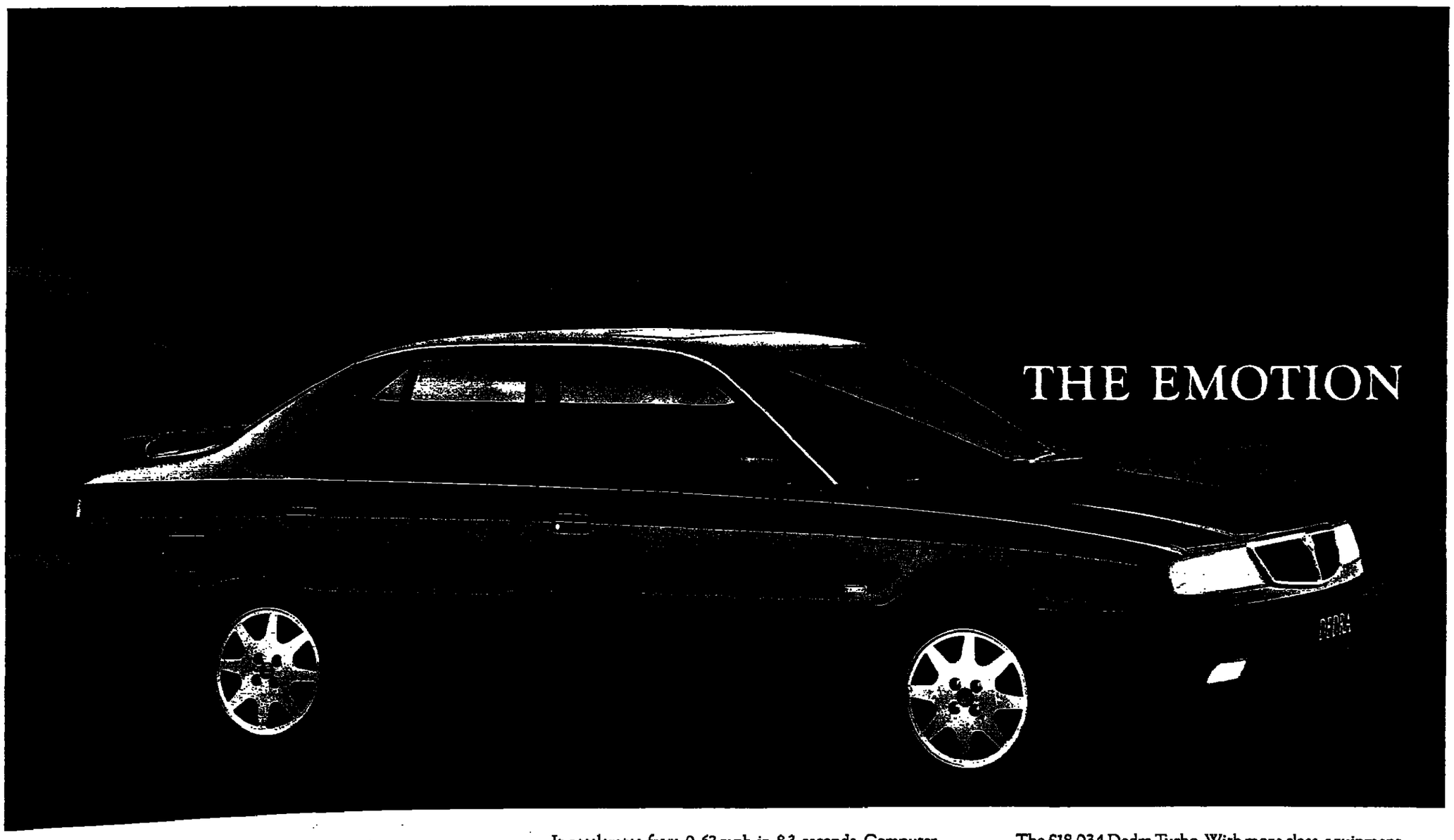
James Levine: he shows a canny ear for pacing

the pacing of narrative into action and back again, and he has two robust Swedish choirs to help him.

He has, besides, an imaginatively chosen cast: Kurt Moll as a statuesque archangel Raphael, fusing true bass sonority with agility, and Kathleen Battle light and tremulous in her best virginal-angelic mode. Gosta Winbergh gives authority and clarity to the figure of Uriel and buoying up each soloist is the nimbly discreet fortepiano playing of Frank Maus.

HILARY FINCH

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Will Gummer triumph over Captain Ahab?

Britain is leading the fight against a return to whaling. Rosemary Righter reports on the run-up to Reykjavik

Unless John Gummer prevails against the whaling lobby in Reykjavik next month, whale steaks will soon be back on the menus of Japanese and Nordic restaurants. The resumption of commercial whaling, banned under a moratorium which took effect in 1986, is firmly on the agenda of next month's meeting of the International Whaling Commission.

Hitherto, Britain has based its opposition to whaling on conservation grounds. Conservation today takes the preservation of species, not animal welfare, as its yardstick. A few weeks ago, Mr Gummer wrote to a group of MPs that it was now "difficult to say that controlled and highly limited catches of whales would harm the stock".

Last Friday, however, he declared unequivocally in an interview with *The Times* that Britain will continue to oppose whaling until the industry can come up with a humane, foolproof method of killing. No such method is on the horizon. Whales have a highly developed nervous system. The most "humane" harpoon causes agony unless it scores a precise hit, and pinpoint accuracy cannot be guaranteed in high seas against a fast-moving target. Mr Gummer's criterion, if accepted by the IWC, could thus let the whales off the harpoon for years.

Mr Gummer's stand will be popular with the British public. To most Europeans, the slaughter of whales has become so repugnant that a permanent ban would be more popular still. That, however, is not practical politics. There is international agreement that whales must be protected from extinction, none that they must be protected from a cruel death.

In a few European countries, and Japan, the whale is considered to be just another source of food. These countries accepted the whaling moratorium only under protest. To them, there is no reason to distinguish between limits on whaling and conservation-related quotas for, say, cod and haddock. Their governments will accuse Mr Gummer at Reykjavik of deserting science for playing populist politics.

The International Whaling Commission exists to protect the interest of whalers, not whales. Adherence to the IWC convention is voluntary. It was set up in 1946 to end a free-for-all, made ever more murderous by new technology, which was so depleting the great whale populations that some had become extinct and others so scarce that the industry faced ruin. The IWC's purpose is the "orderly utilisation", which means killing, "of stocks". In the 1950s and 1960s, however, it permitted record catches of blue, humpback and sei whales which wiped out about 99 per cent. There were around half a million Antarctic fin whales in the 1930s. There are perhaps 2,000 today.



The agonising death Britain is determined to end

When hunting blue and humpback whales was outlawed in 1966, the whalers simply switched to smaller, more plentiful species. Hence the 1986 ban for all great whales. It came up for review last year, when a decision was postponed until a credible system for controlling whaling and monitoring stocks could be perfected. Scientists believe that minke and fin whales are now sufficiently out of danger to permit controlled "harvesting" without risk of extinction.

This year the IWC will present a new "management procedure" for whaling, based on whale population dynamics, which its members might well accept. Japan, Iceland and Norway will then declare the conservation argument over and demand the right to resume "sustainable" levels of whaling.

They have already set up an alternative whaling organisation. If Britain musters the votes needed to prolong the ban, Iceland has threatened to withdraw from the IWC, possibly taking with it Norway and Japan.

They would do so, however, at the risk of a consumer backlash. Even in Japan, where whalemeat fetches enormous prices, the whale is finding supporters. Whaling communities have begun to make good money from whale-watching sea safaris. Norway has shown its *sensitivity* to the charge of cruelty by its anxiety to prove that a new explosive harpoon using penthrite can kill instantly. But even Norway admits that near-misses happen a third of the time. An RSPCA investigation into whale-killing techniques published last week concludes that all methods are still very cruel.

When the IWC was set up, conservationists had to prove that whales were endangered; since 1982, the onus has been on whalers to prove they are not. Mr Gummer is out to extend that principle, by requiring the industry to come up with technology capable of matching slaughterhouse standards for landbased mammals. In the world of whaling politics, this is a risky game. In the real world, it is a sound policy around which Britain should be able to rally publics, if necessary against their governments. He should pursue it energetically between now and the meeting in Reykjavik.

Ronald Butt

Hitting Labour is not enough

Neil Kinnock reaffirmed in his Walden interview yesterday that Labour intends to finance its commitment to better public services out of economic growth. That was also its hope, unfulfilled, in 1964. When the Tories revive Lord Home's accusation of 1964 that Labour offers a menu without prices, the reply will be that although Labour will redistribute taxation, favouring the poorer at the expense of higher earners, tax burdens will not increase.

So the only question that should matter to voters who are thinking of turning to Labour in the hope of getting better public services is whether or not it would ensure the economic growth to pay for them. Mr Kinnock clearly draws comfort from the fact that the Tories' natural friends, the Institute of Directors and the CBI, blame the government for the recession. The all-party Commons select committee has also severely criticised government economic policy. Against the background of business closures and rising unemployment, the reassurances offered by ministers seem reminiscent of the Japanese custom of smiling gallantly in the face of death.

Yet despite the business gloom and so many voters' personal experience of unemployment, the temptation to vote Labour seems distinctly hesitant. Hence the weekend opinion polls which, taken together, seem to indicate that the Tories are a point or two ahead, with more voters apparently expecting economic improvement. For all Labour's revisionism, there is still an instinctive scepticism about whether it can deliver the goods.

Mr Kinnock has set out his case with considerable clarity in a series of speeches, arguing that British industry is insufficiently competitive and is starved of skills and investment. Its manufacturing base has therefore declined, and only government "enabling" action can create a climate in which competitiveness and innovation flourish despite the City's "short-termism". Hence Labour's national economic assessment (to be made in conjunction with both sides of industry) to guide economic policy-making, and hence its interventionist quangos to stimulate investment, training and research.

Above all, Labour's analysis hangs on the argument that personal consumption absorbs too much of the national product (67 per cent compared with well under 60 per cent in Germany and France) while on the supply side, Britain's share of markets has fallen sharply. It is to rectify this state of affairs that Labour's new "enabling" but not "command" interventionism is designed.

The Tories can of course simply reply that Harold Wilson's interventionist national plan failed between 1964-1970, having been destroyed by the unions' grip on pay, restrictive practices and productivity. But it would still be a mistake to assume for that reason that Labour's new version might not be persuasive. The scene is very different since Mrs Thatcher introduced the market criterion and reformed the unions. It could be argued that it is now the *market itself* that needs a certain correction.

Ministers will not satisfy the voters simply by debating with figures or arguing that the recession is just part of the trade cycle. It was brought on by government misjudgments which first allowed the consumer borrowing boom to take off in the late 1980s and then suppressed it by their blunt instrument of dear credit alone. There is now a genuine argument to engage.

Where Labour has a respectable case, the government should examine it open-mindedly. The proposal to use reserve asset values to reinforce credit control through the banks, instead of relying exclusively on dear interest rates that damage investment, is one example. Here are Whigs' clothes that may well be worth stealing. For the rest, ministers have to show the public in detail why the kind of bureaucratic interventionism proposed by Labour would fail.

But the Tories must do more than they have to answer Labour's challenge to the government's economic record and the competence of its judgment which the public, from its own experience, has lately had good reason to doubt.

Judges who gag free speech

Bernard Levin calls for the creation of independent panels to decide when censorship is in the national interest

If there is one thing that unites practically all our higher judges – prejudiced ones and open-minded ones, suave ones and bad-tempered ones, shrewd ones and naive ones, savage ones and mild ones, modern ones and antique ones, ambitious ones and sleepy ones – it is that free speech is to be regarded as certainly suspect and in all likelihood pernicious, so it is their duty as well as their pleasure to ensure that the less there is of it the better.

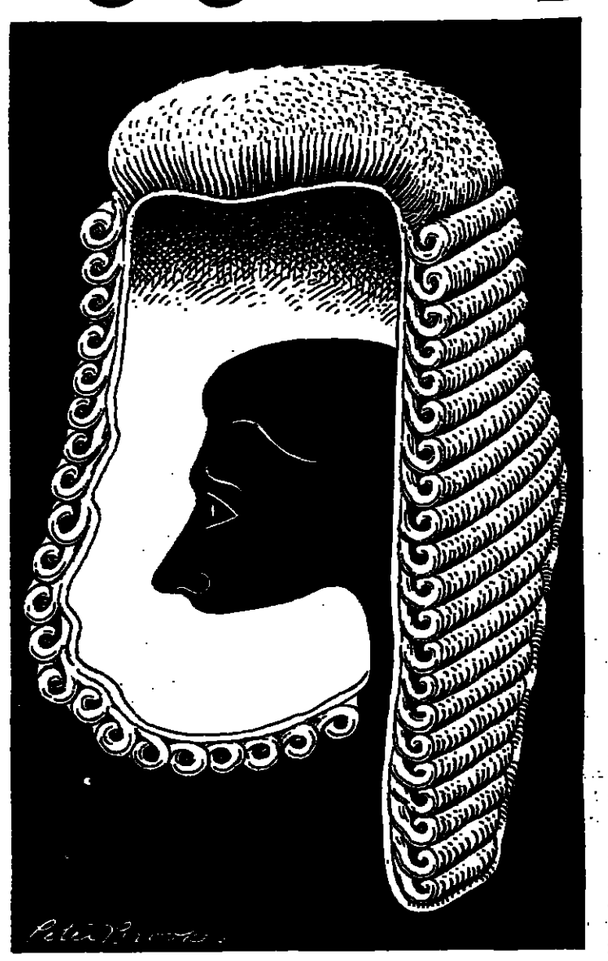
This phenomenon could be seen at its most representative in the House of Lords a week or two ago when Lords Keith, Brandon, Ackner, Oliver and Jauncey collectively stamped on the repulsive idea that the people (my dear, the *people*) should be allowed to know things that the government wished they should not know. (Lord Oliver did robustly declare that government injunctions might damage free speech, but then robustly went along with the rest.)

The proceedings concerned the last stage but one of the *Spycatcher* affair; the very last in this sorry exercise in suppression will be heard in the European Court, where I trust we shall see some robust justice. The story began in 1986 (another thing the judges don't do is hurry). It was a particularly idiotic business; the government wanted to suppress the publication of the worthless book for no more admirable aim than that it made the security services look silly (the official pretence was that the ghosted author was under a vow of confidence), though it was being published in an edition of several hundred thousand in America, where, fortunately, the writ of the British judges does not run.

The Guardian and the *Observer* published accounts of what was in the book, and the government hastily applied for injunctions forbidding them to continue; the judges – on their "stamp out free speech *now*" principle – obliged. *The Sunday Times* was about to serialise the book, and no injunction was in force against it doing so; nevertheless, the paper and its editor were cited for contempt of court and fined £50,000. The sleight-of-bench consisted of claiming that although no injunction was in force against the paper, injunctions *were* out elsewhere, so that their force had somehow oozed into *The Sunday Times*, rendering it culpable.

It was this judgment that was yet again upheld the other day, and of course the judges insisted that they were not making new law to fit what they think the law ought to be, which is what they always say when they are doing precisely that. (Oh, and Lord Jauncey said that "The importance in a democracy of a free press cannot be overstated", and you don't have to be a legal expert to know what his next word was. "Nevertheless . . .")

Here are the scales; in one side there lie the requirements of justice, in the other the public interest. Both are important, both have powerful claims. But the sorry truth is that almost all of *Britain's judges instinctively and* repeatedly put the weight of their decisions in the side opposite the people's right to know; there cannot be another democratic country in which it is so easy to suppress, with the judges' co-operation, knowledge that ought to be made public.



The judges claim that requests for the suppression of embarrassing material are most ruthlessly and even-handedly scrutinised before being granted, and I am quite sure they believe it; indeed, *you* can believe it if you feel like doing so. Some people, of course, are never satisfied; they remark that judicial injunctions are laid out in tempting array, and that anyone, *right* down to an attorney general, can carry off as many as he likes without a penny changing hands.

After all, it was only because a vital document got into the hands of *The Independent* that another wave of scandal among the West Midlands Serious Crime Squad came to light; until then, the truth had lain behind the injunction demanded by the West Midlands Police Authority, and happily granted *sine die* by a judge.

But the worst recent example of judicial indifference to free speech – indeed, hostility to free speech – was the Goodwin case. Mr Goodwin is a young journalist working for a magazine called *The Engineer*. He was given information, by phone, about two companies jointly engaged in a financial deal. As any honest and competent journalist would be bound to do, he telephoned the companies to seek their comment on what he had been told; he had not disclosed anything, nor attempted to. The companies immediately applied for an injunction against him and the magazine, claiming that if the information were disclosed, their business would be damaged.

In addition to thus circumventing any form of publication, the companies asked for a court order to make Mr Goodwin break his confidences and reveal the name of his informant. Mr Goodwin honourably refused. He was therefore held in contempt of court, and appealed. The Court of Appeal was headed by Lord Donaldson, whose comments were – how shall I put it? – far from calm. (It is not surprising; the volume and directness of the criticism he has had to bear in the past year or so – some have even bracketed him with Lord Lane – would make anyone jittery.) Anyway, he and his two colleagues did not content themselves with rejecting Mr Goodwin's defence; they refused to listen to it, claiming that his refusal, in the lower court, to name his source or hand over his notes gave him no right to a hearing.

On to the Lords; unfortunately the bench was presided over by Lord Bridge, in his School Bully uniform. Almost suffocating in his self-righteousness, he said that Mr Goodwin had "the extraordinary attitude that he was entitled to set the law at naught", and asked: "Why should the House of Lords hear an appeal in these circumstances, since he has not the slightest intention of complying?"

Well, Lord Bridge distinguished himself in the Birmingham Six case by saying that the defence claim of forced confessions was "simply not credible", so it is quite possible that in this case he genuinely did not know why a journalist might be willing to go to prison rather than break a professional confidence. If so, my case is made.

But there is specific protection, by the Contempt of Court Act 1981, against the compulsory revealing of sources; the words of the Act are quite unambiguous. Here, the "interests of justice" (which, under the Act, can require disclosure) had been amply served by the injunction; the harm, if any, had been avoided, and Mr Goodwin should not have been ordered to break his confidence. Is it really too much to ask that the judges should obey the law?

We must not order them to do so by political direction. But there are milder possibilities. Why should not a claim for an injunction be tested by a lay panel, which would decide whether the consequences feared are real, and indeed whether they deserve protection? Why should not that panel, if it had initially agreed to the injunction, terminate it when it thinks the danger is over? (The Goodwin case injunctions are *still* in force.)

Why should not a similar lay test be applied to a judge who demands disclosure in what *he* thinks are the interests of justice? Above all, why should Parliament not set up a standing committee to agree on what Parliament meant when it passed contemporary legislation? For assuredly, the protection of free speech in the Contempt of Court Act 1981 was not intended to be a bonfire on which free speech is devoured by the flames, while the judges make toast of justice.

...and moreover

Matthew Parris

Robert could see I was unconvinced. "You've got the wrong idea about field sports in Scotland," he insisted. "You'll love the Fife point-to-point. People from *such* different walks of life will be there."

He was right. By no means only the super-rich were there. The rich were represented too, and there was even a sprinkling of the fairly rich. Rubbing shoulders with major aristocrats were quite minor aristocrats. Top businessmen mixed freely with lesser businessmen, and Conservative parliamentary candidates spoke to Tory councillors and JPs, while large landowners seemed content to meet medium-sized landowners. It is even possible that a small landowner might have felt at ease at the Fife point-to-point.

In short, it was a relaxed blend of ostentatious wealth with quiet prosperity. We British can congratulate ourselves on becoming so socially tolerant.

It was a lovely day out in the country. Robert was right about that, too. The sun shone, the grass waved in a stiff sea breeze and the ground was firm under foot. Surprisingly, in light of this, a number of the spectators wore green wellingtons and a large proportion arrived in four-wheel-drive vehicles, or "Grange-Rovers," as Robert put it.

What had they come for? "My ambition", said a lady sitting with her husband in the back of their limo, "is to see a horse." Her glass of white wine was delicately poised. "Have you met the Laird of Islay? Close friends call him Andrex." This was a golden retriever pup, though the summer had yet to turn him golden and he was still the colour of unbaked dough.

"That pup is legit," said my journalist friend, "but I think a lot of the golden retrievers are rented for the day."

Most people, I soon decided, looked like the Queen. A combination of silk headscarf and green Barbour jacket is a curious thing. Every time I was introduced to another woman I had the feeling I had seen her before, and feared she might at any moment launch into a Christmas message.

"Hold it there, please do . . ." A photographer from a society magazine had lined up a titled woman beneath a "Ladies" sign for her portrait. She was not sure whether she liked the joke.

Where would we eat? All around us, the backs of Range-Rovers were turning into little dining rooms as wines sparkling and still, whiskies blended and malt, gin in generous quantity and picnic delicacies of every type emerged from hampers. One wealthy and hospitable businessman had brought his butler. "Bruce," he would murmur discreetly, as acquaintances approached his mobile bar: and Bruce would leap to his duties. "He's had to cut down," said a friend, "it's the recession. He always used to bring two cars."

We too had wine, but had forgotten to bring food. "Never mind," said Robert, "there's a fast food van near the officials' tent." We found it. It was selling venisonburgers (plain) or Orkneyburgers (with cheese).

"Of course, the Territorials are very much the flavour of the month." A snatch of conversation floated over on the breeze. From time to time, and momentarily, a distant thunder of hooves would distract the attention of one or two in the crowd, and a few heads would half turn, apologetically, from social chatter to glance at the notional reason for us all being there. I understand (though I never checked) that some horses were being ridden at speed from one part of the field, over a few jumps, round, and back again. But these races were just a temporary distraction, rather like the short breaks for advertisements that occur during soap operas: hardly the main event.

So what was the main event? Nobody explained, but it was simple: to be seen as, and by, the right sort of person. After lunch we watched three policemen dragging two youths out of the entrance gate. "What have they done?" I asked.

"It doesn't matter. They're fish-gutters," said Robert. "They shouldn't be here."

The sun sank low and the wind grew cold. The last race was announced – this one for humans. Deciding on the spur of the moment to enter, I was surprised to come third. This owed little to my prowess: the other runners were drunk, and some insisted on taking the horse jumps, or trying to.

During the prize-giving I was even more surprised to discover that had I come first, my prize would have been a full-length Barbour coat. I was lucky.

Muted are the trumpets

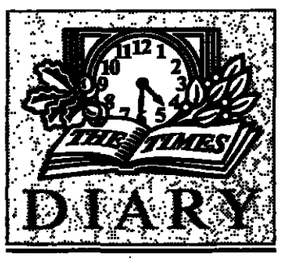
With all parties gearing up for a general election, Tory promotional plans have suffered a setback. Michael Dobbs, the party's former chief of staff who contributed significantly to the 1983 election landslide, has quit Saatchi and Saatchi, which won the advertising contract for the next election largely because of its past experience.

Dobbs, author of the recently televised political drama, *House of Cards*, wants to develop his new career as a political commentator: "Now that my two former mistresses have got back into bed together, I felt that if I retained my links with the agency I would be seen as the paid creature of the Conservative party."

Labour too is having publicity trouble. John Underwood, the new communications chief, is blamed by some senior party members for a lacklustre campaign in the Ribble Valley by-election in which Labour came a poor third. Now there is speculation about his future following the recall of Peter Mandelson, his predecessor, to help run the Monmouth by-election campaign.

Conservative Central Office says: "Our communications director ought to be talking to his Labour counterpart about election matters, such as who goes first in the morning press conferences. But he doesn't know who he will be dealing with at Walworth Road by the time of the general election."

Labour is at least thankful that one apparent threat to its election planning has proved a false alarm. Last week Chris Patten, the Tory chairman, told journalists that all Tory press conferences would start at 7am. To the relief not only of Labour but of political correspondents, it turned out to be an example of Patten's mischievous sense of humour.



● *Telling the shadow cabinet about her trip to Iraq, Ann Clwyd revealed that her passport still gives Member of the European Parliament as her occupation. Clwyd said: "It didn't cut much ice with the Iraqis." John Prescott could not restrain himself. "And it doesn't cut much bloody ice here either," he said.*

Wilde oats

Oxford will soon have a new tourist attraction: the room in the Old Parsonage Hotel where Oscar Wilde, as an undergraduate at Magdalen College in the 1870s, is said to have spent a year entertaining ladies of dubious reputation, only to conclude that it was a losing battle against his true sexual instincts.

The hotel, 330 years old, is now closed for a £1 million renovation. The double bedroom – with the original fireplace and panelling – is being preserved with the help of English Heritage, and the hotel's new owners will publicise the Wildean connection when it re-opens next month.

Michael Thompson, the manager, says: "Not to put too fine a point on it, this is the room where Wilde discovered that women were not his thing. We expect a lot of interest from his devotees."

The scholar Martin Seymour-Smith, who was at Oxford with Wilde's son, Vyvyan Holland, confirms the story. "Vyvyan told me his father engaged in the local Oxford practice of picking up tarts from nearby St Ebbes and taking them back to his hotel. Oscar Wilde first realised he preferred men when he was staying at the Old Parsonage."

● *The Celebrities Guild of Great Britain has written to David Owen – at the Liberal Democrat offices, of all places – asking him to make a nomination for its "Unsung Heroes" award. The prize will go to "someone who has surmounted all the odds to do something good". Because they consider Owen a political liability, the Lib Dems say the biggest favour he could do them is to carry out his rumoured plan to endorse the Tories. Should Owen be nominated as unsung hero, he will know whom to blame.*

Coals to Newcastle

Labour councillors from the socialist republic of Islington are not the most obvious choice to advise the leaders of the emerging democracies in eastern Europe on how to establish market economies. But that has not deterred council leader Margaret Hodge from heading a delegation of six to Budapest for a five-day trip next month, paid for out of the poll tax. "The Hungarians have no role model. They want to learn from us about promoting small businesses and setting up an effective and democratic local government service," says a council spokeman.

Not that Hodge's decision to go to Budapest was a very democratic one. At an acrimonious meeting of the Islington Labour group last week, several members walked out after it was disclosed that the trip had been planned without first consulting either the Labour group or the council.

The angriest protest about Hodge's jaunt came from Maureen Leigh, the mayor, still smarting from the council's refusal to pay for her to go on a week-long visit to Turkey led by local Labour MP Jeremy Corbyn. A council source says: "We advised her that we could not pay because Turkey is not exactly related to our problems." Budapest presumably is.

Tough at the top

The calm of Nostell Priory in Yorkshire has been disturbed by an angry stand-off between English Heritage and 72-year-old Lord St Oswald. He is furious at what he says is an "impertinent imposition" by English Heritage which – following usual practice – asked to see his bank balance before agreeing to pay 40 per cent of the cost of repairing the stable block.

This is the only part of the Priory he still owns; the house, with ceilings by Adam, was handed over to the nation in 1953, its contents in 1984.

"We are not a wealthy family," says Lord St Oswald, who lives in a rectory nearby. "Nobody should be means tested. The only question they should ask is whether a place is worthy of restoration because of its national interest." English Heritage is standing its ground: "We're not in the business of subsidising people to live in wonderful places. We use a means test to judge the most needy cases."

That was worthy of an Oscar



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THE NHS BATTLEGROUND

At Chequers this weekend, John Major's shooting party aimed to dispatch another of Labour's foxes. Ministers were ostensibly discussing the health service in the year 2000. But their immediate objective is more short term: to persuade doubting voters that under this prime minister the NHS really is safe in Tory hands.

Yesterday's Gallup poll in *The Sunday Telegraph* shows that the government has pulled off an analagous trick over the poll tax. Among those who believe that the parties still differ over local taxation, a small majority now prefers the Conservatives' policies. Mercilessly, Mr Major has been moving to take Labour's ground. At this rate Mr Kinnock will, like the luckless Michael Dukakis in the last US presidential elections, have to fight the election on competence rather than substance. In spite of his own competent performance in his television interview with Brian Walden yesterday, the polls do not yet suggest that this is where he holds a winning hand.

Mr Kinnock did his best to head off the danger. The National Health Service must remain a partisan issue if he is to succeed; so he was at his most spirited in claiming that it was impossible for the Tories to "uphold the idea that they are in favour of a free, universal and high quality health service". Mr Kinnock willingly admitted that, in an emotive sense, Mr Major supported the health service. But, he argued, 12 years of "underfunding" spoke more loudly than sympathetic words. More fundamentally, Mr Kinnock sought to capitalise on the sticky start which has marked the Conservative NHS reforms. The market had been brought into health care, he said, in a way that was "incompatible with the concept of the National Health Service which the British people have".

Maybe; but then the Labour leader must show that his party has a concept for the NHS which *is* compatible with what the public wants. The polls clearly support Labour over more funds for the NHS. But does "more" always mean "better"? Is the service sufficiently responsive to the needs of those who use it? Is there waste through inefficient management and a plague of penpushers? Are the powers and privileges of the providers of health services, from the grand consultant to the lowly hospital porter, excessive?

Mr Kinnock did not address these doubts yesterday. Labour's programme, *Opportunity Britain*, published a fortnight ago, did; but in that miasmic party prose that actually obscures what it tries to illuminate. There, Labour spoke of more for the NHS, while declining to quantify; the party argued, as Mr Kinnock did yesterday, that this would come from economic growth. It talked of health, targets; it promised a "quality commission" to focus on outcomes rather than inputs; it offered a "charter for patients". But all these are bureaucratic instruments, and suspicion must be that, in an NHS which is a great repository of professional vested interests, they would be bent to the service of the producer rather than the consumer.

The government's NHS reforms aim to use the market as a means to measure efficiency and direct funds, not to discriminate between rich and poor patients. And for the first time patients are to be given choices, and are no longer passive recipients of what others think best for them. If Labour does not like this particular reform, it must prescribe alternative treatment at least as efficient. Otherwise the fear must be that, in demolishing the new system, Labour will be handing the service back to the tender mercies of Nupe, Nalgo and the BMA.

POLICING THE HAVENS

Douglas Hurd's proposal to send a United Nations police force to northern Iraq was endorsed unanimously yesterday by his colleagues in the European Community. The plan may have a more uphill struggle for acceptance in New York. The proposed force would get the allies off the hook in Iraq — but only if the withdrawal of allied forces is not followed by another bloodbath.

The thinking behind Mr Hurd's plan is obvious. In seeking to provide longterm security for the Kurds against President Saddam Hussein's troops and secret police, the allies have three choices, none of which is entirely satisfactory. The first would mean keeping some 9,000 American, British, French and Dutch troops there indefinitely. This is not what those powers have in mind. The second is for the allied military to withdraw in a few weeks or months, handing over to UN relief agencies. But they would be powerless to protect their charges, and unless the Kurds are convinced that they are safe from further attacks, they will head back over the frontiers, nullifying weeks of effort to get them home to "safe havens".

The third way, which Mr Hurd is advocating, is to create some form of credible "humanitarian policing" under the UN umbrella. A conventional "blue beret" UN peace-keeping force would require a fresh UN Security Council resolution, which Mr Hurd is sceptical of obtaining. Police would, he believes, put less strain on the UN Charter's strictures against intervention. UN resolution 688 of April 5, which condemned Saddam's repression of the uprisings, put humanitarian assistance firmly in the context of maintaining "international peace and security". Iraq has denounced the allied camps as an infringement of sovereignty, but has agreed to a UN relief effort. The police would be there, in theory, to provide the UN with orderly conditions in which to work.

The idea is only as sound as the guarantees which back it. Whatever the name given to the force, the record of small international contingents sent to curb the misconduct of large national armies is not encouraging. When UN forces got in the way of Nasser's ambitions in 1967, he had them summarily removed. Israel swept through Unifil's lines in 1982 en route for Beirut.

Saddam's Iraq is a society structured on brute force. After the allies declared northern Iraq a no-go area, he tested their determination by sending heavily-armed security forces to Zakho, withdrawing them only after an ultimatum. Against lightly armed civilian forces, he must be expected to test his strength again. Mr Hurd was vague yesterday about the force's number, firepower and the timing of its deployment, but he conceded that it would need "back-up". This is almost uncharted ground for the UN, but the few semi-precedents there are suggest that the force will need more than side-arms. The contingent sent to oversee the South African police in the transition to Namibian independence gained the Namibians' confidence only when it was equipped with armoured personnel carriers.

The policing contingent will have to be ready to shoot. It will also need such support as air cover, to convince Saddam it is not to be trifled with. That implies a continued allied involvement, if only as insurance once allied ground forces have withdrawn. This would be best provided under a security council umbrella.

The French plan to seek security council guarantees for any agreement on Kurdish autonomy between Saddam and the Kurdish leadership. This might mesh with the British scheme for UN policing. Saddam's motive in negotiating with the Kurds is to deprive the allies of any excuse for staying in Iraq, while the Kurds' aim is to extract from Saddam a pledge to revive the 1970 deal on autonomy before the allies leave. Without UN guarantees which the Americans are firmly behind, no Kurd will trust Saddam's signature. Collective policing of defensible safe areas is a form of "confidence-building", with which the UN is relatively familiar. Help for the refugees and secure autonomy go hand in hand. A UN police force, credibly backed and equipped, could serve both turns.

THE EYE OF THE BEHOLDER

Florence counts its visitors in millions. They come, mostly, to look at the art; and great is the satisfaction they gain thereby. But what will they feel once they know that 50 of the city's most famous public statues, pretending to be original, are just modern copies?

Those who saw the statues in all innocence, before the *Corriere della Sera* blew the gaff on the city fathers last Friday, got what they came for. The copies are said to be good enough to fool all but an expert. If the beauty is in the line and form, line and form is still there. If the surface of some of them is an artificial skin, a marvel of the imitator's art beneath which lies fibre-glass, what does it matter? In fact most of the Florentine statue-substitutes have been made in a marble-composite material, and are just as solid as they look.

Before insisting that it does matter, tourists should reflect upon a world-famous statue that was the centre of a tug-of-war between Rome and Florence some years ago. The "Discus Thrower" was a second-century AD miracle of Roman marble-carving. However this too was a "mere" copy of an original, made in bronze by the Greek sculptor Myron 600 years earlier. Had there been fibre-glass in ancient Rome, that presumably is what the copy would have been made from. Would modern Rome and Florence still quarrel excitedly about its ownership? Most certainly.

Modern copies have begun to replace the originals because the originals were deteriorating, partly because of the pollution in the Florentine air (not least from the exhausts of tourist coaches) and partly because tourists were deliberately or accidentally harming them. Michelangelo's David in front of the Palazzo Vecchio even had its toe-nails varnished red, while Giambologna's Rape of the Sabines was damaged. It is easy to conclude that tourists do not deserve the real thing if they show so little respect. In fact even the damaged David is a copy; the original was removed in 1873. The Rape is the original, though a substitution is in hand.

The statue-substituters will have to be honest about it. The fate of David's toe nails is a warning. Sooner or later the impression could get round that all the works of art on public display in Florence are cheap and replaceable copies. Vandals and graffiti artists will feel positively encouraged to use them without distinction as noticeboards, or chip bits off to put on the mantelpiece back home. Those that are real, unless they are labelled, could suffer equally with the substitutes.

If the replacement of vulnerable originals by durable copies is justified by necessity, there must still be ground rules. The tourists should be told. Copies should be only of the highest standard, as attested by a panel of experts, otherwise the tourist is being passed off with second best. And where possible the original should be kept somewhere under protection, available for inspection for an appropriate fee. Given those precautions, most tourists should be satisfied with the substitute — or, like tourists everywhere, none the wiser.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Gorbachev and the hardliners

From Dr Robert Service

Sir, Similarities between Mikhail Gorbachev and Nikita Khrushchev, his predecessor-but-three as Soviet communist party leader, undoubtedly exist. But they are not quite as described by Peter Millar ("Clinging to the wreckage", April 23).

It is seriously wrong to suggest that Khrushchev was stopped only by "hardliners" from completing political and economic liberalisation. Yes, Khrushchev wanted substantial modifications in the status quo, but always on his own terms. When he clamped down on discussion in his party in the early 1960s it was as much because he was offended by criticism from below as because his Politburo colleagues put pressure on him.

Khrushchev was a man of his times and, much as he denounced Stalin, he was still in part a Stalinist. He had been surprised that, when he semi-liberated public opinion, it did not coincide with his own objectives — and he knew how to suppress it.

We shall continue to misunderstand President Gorbachev if he is represented as the USSR's only hope for "liberalisation". His retention of the collective farm system, his refusal to support rapid denationalisation of even small-scale industrial and commercial enterprises, his rebuttal of demands for secession from various non-Russian republics — all these are indications that he is a man of his times and upbringing.

To be sure, they are also a sign that he is under severe pressure by conservative colleagues, especially in the KGB and the Red Army. But Gorbachev himself has made his bed, if not alongside them, then at least in the same room. He looked at the results of perestroika and was surprised. Like Khrushchev before him, he disliked the ingratitude of a society which took him at his word that he wanted a fundamental transformation of politics and economics.

Those radicals who deplore his turning away from deeper reforms are not, as Peter Millar proposes, merely "sniping" at a would-be liberal. They know that the country's economic and inter-ethnic problems have no whit of a chance of solution by Gorbachev's measures; and they are right that the longer these measures stay in place, the worse the ultimate crisis will be in the USSR.

The spectacular rapprochement with Yeltsin (report, April 25) gives the first glimmer of hope since December 1990 that President Gorbachev recognises this at last; but his rapprochements with the same politician have been spectacular, frequent and ephemeral in the past.

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Clock-watching

From Mr Peter Kerr

Sir, I very much enjoyed Mr Levin's article on clocks (April 22). However, I am afraid that he is mistaken in blaming the Ceylon Tea Centre for being behind the times — the fault lies entirely with we actuaries, whose head offices lie directly above the tea centre.

As you know, our profession has often been compared to astrology, and it may well be that we have been concentrating too much on our crystal balls and paying too little regard to temporal matters. This morning, however, we have made a concerted effort and I think you will find that the clock now tells the correct time.

I will not divulge how many actuaries it takes to change a clock; but at least we, unlike Mr Levin, knew that we were in Lower Regent Street and not Haymarket at the time.

Yours faithfully,
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Rights of audience

From Mr Christopher Hart

Sir, Solicitors in the Crown Prosecution Service want rights of audience in the crown court (report, April 16). What on earth for? We are constantly told that in most areas they cannot cope with the volume of work in the magistrates' court.

Yours sincerely,
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IOD and inflation

From the Director General of the Institute of Directors

Sir, Mr Simon Burns, MP (April 26), has wrongly characterised the policy of the Institute of Directors in relation to the government's counter-inflation strategy. Ever since John Major became Chancellor of the Exchequer in 1989 we have fully supported the government's counter-inflationary strategy, which we judge to be in the best interests of the economy and the country.

We have expressed publicly our concern about premature interest-rate cuts and specifically we supported the DM:£ rate of 2.95, we spoke against devaluation, we set expectations of interest-rate cuts of not more than 1 per cent per quarter in 1991 (Chancellor Lamont is doing better than we expected), and we have forecast a revival of consumer confidence in the autumn.

It was because we saw no alternative to the monetary policy being followed by the Chancellor that we have pressed in the last two Budgets for a less tight fiscal stance. We were delighted with the measures for business included in the last Budget. Many of them had indeed been advocated by the IOD.

As it happens, I did not mention counter-inflation policy in my speech at the IOD convention: there was nothing new to say. The point which I did address is made implicitly in Mr Burns's own letter. It is unfortunate, even grievous, to have to endure in one decade two periods of severe counter-inflationary measures, however well conceived.

My comments on economic management were directed at this problem (which has been widely acknowledged to date from the late 1980s) and I made the point that in the view of the IOD we would be well served by an independent Bank of England to handle monetary control.

Yours faithfully,
PETER MORGAN,
Director General,
Institute of Directors,
116 Pall Mall, SW1.

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Conflicting views on East Timor

From Mr Richard Alexander, MP for Newark (Conservative)

Sir, The conclusions in your leader of April 20 on the situation in East Timor seem more appropriate to 1975, when Indonesia took over East Timor, than to the past year or two.

I led an all-party parliamentary delegation to Indonesia just two years ago and we spent two days in East Timor. Even discounting the fact that visiting delegations are shown only what the authorities want them to see, parliamentarians are not slow in detecting oppression and unrest.

The overwhelming impression was that the Portuguese, when they were in control, had milked the country dry, had put in minimal infrastructure investment, and that there was no longing for their return. The people were not cowed, villages were, by and large, active and populated, and roads and schools were at long last being put in place.

Before we went we had certainly been fed on the sort of historical anecdote which abounded in your leader, and we certainly wondered what we would see. We had heard of prisoners rotting in indescribable gaols, of others disappearing, and a catalogue of human-rights abuses; so when we had a full two hours with Governor Carrascalao discussing these matters he arranged for us to visit the gaol in Dili.

We were allowed to tape-record our interviews and take photographs. Colleagues with a list of names of some who were alleged to have disappeared were able to chat with them. I wonder if such facilities would have been immediately laid on for a foreign delegation in, say, Northern Ireland.

I do not seek to whitewash all that has happened in East Timor over the last 16 years; but the people are not yet ready for self-determination. We should leave Indonesia alone for a year or two yet, whilst environmental and social progress continues.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD ALEXANDER,
House of Commons.

From Ms Carmel Budiardjo

Sir, May I offer a couple of corrections to Mark Seddon's excellent and timely article (April 20) on East Timor.

The many thousands of East Timorese refugees now living in Australia did not make a "perilous crossing", which might suggest that they were boat people. They have been going to Australia ever since 1976, many having paid huge bribes to get out, others leaving with false passports. Some were able to leave the slums of Portugal, thanks to a family reunion programme.

Nor is it correct that East Timor can claim no strategically important resource. It was the discovery, early in the 1970s, of rich petroleum and natural gas reserves off East Timor's southern coast that determined Canberra's attitude towards the brutal annexation of a close neighbour.

With Australian petroleum companies eager to exploit these resources, Canberra opted to side with Indonesia right from the start, rather than risk siding with a new republic that might have fallen under a left-wing government.

Yours faithfully,
CARMEL BUDIARDJO
(Organising Secretary),
The Indonesian Human Rights Campaign,
111 Northwood Road,
Thornton Heath, Surrey.
April 21.

From the Reverend J. Ewington

Sir, I was saddened to learn from your report that the British government supplies arms to Indonesia. I fail to see how we can pat ourselves on the back for giving aid to the Kurds whilst this continues.

Ignoring 16 years of oppression and atrocities by the Indonesians in East Timor and Irian Jaya is a poor record for a government whose help has been specifically requested. To contribute to the sufferings of the Timorese by supplying arms to a brutal and ruthless dictatorship is positively shameful.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN EWINGTON (Anglican priest, Bougainville, 1981-7),
St Saviour's Vicarage,
33 Kings Road.
Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex.
April 21.

Learning to live with the council tax

From Mr Andrew Coulson

Sir, Since this year's poll tax covers only 11 per cent of council spending, local government and local choice is largely an illusion. At most it means shuffling deckchairs on the Titanic. In effect central government has nationalised local government. The result is yet more concentration of power in London.

From now on, if education is underfunded, or social services, we must blame central government ministers. Of course the taxpayer still pays, through VAT, income tax, non-domestic rates, etc.

Yours sincerely,
ANDREW COULSON,
The University of Birmingham,
Institute of Local Government Studies,
Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 2TT.
April 23.

From Mr Barrie Milnes

Sir, "Councils should be left to impose their taxes on their residents and face the consequence at the polls", you assert (leading article, April 24). This argument would enjoy validity if the impost was matched by payment, yet we know from the huge arrears position of many councils, particularly in the inner London area, that this is not the case.

This explains the apparently perverse behaviour of many residents voting for Labour in the last local election, in spite of the high charges levied on most. They did so in the expectation that their council would put as little effort into collecting the poll tax as it puts into collecting the rent.

But any debate about the supply side of the equation misses the main point at issue, which really must be addressed. What do the councils actually do with the money?

Yours etc.,
BARRIE MILNES,
19 Stanmore Court,
Canterbury, Kent.

Dr Richard Reubin

Sir, The new council tax is welcomed by many of us as a fairer form of local taxation. However, might it be in order to suggest a "discount" for people who actually paid last year's community charge?

Yours sincerely,
RICHARD REUBIN,
18 Anselm Road, Hatch End,
Pinner, Middlesex.

Opera house changes

From Mr Michael Fry-Foley

Sir, The board of the Royal Opera House has hitherto pursued a policy which would provide the nation with the most technically comprehensive opera house that can reasonably be built on the site. This policy has now been tested at the highest level and it would appear that there is insufficient political will to support it.

The inescapable conclusion is that the ROH must, once again, review the project to produce a scheme that meets its financial and time limits. Self-financing schemes were examined in the past which provided between 80 and 85 per cent of the benefits of the full scheme. They were rejected on the grounds that they were less than the ideal.

As the ideal is a luxury the nation is not prepared to afford, the ROH must re-examine those options and provide a vastly improved opera house that is operationally safe, economic to run, more accessible to the public, and arguably, more in keeping with the style of British theatre than the current German-based design.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL FRY-FOLEY,
Arts Projects Consultants,
49 Wellington Street, WC2.

North of the Border

From Mrs John Hammersley

Sir, Scotch (letters, April 19, 23, 26, 27): butter, woodcock, eggs and broth (and salmon if not farmed). Oatcakes are Scottish. My maternal ancestors were always defined adjectivally as Scots, and whisky is "whisky" or "a dram" but never, except by benighted Sassenachs, referred to as "Scotch", since that would be tautology. The liquid produced in other countries and sold under that name is considered by my compatriots as beneath their notice.

Yours in exile,
ROSALIND HAMMERSLEY,
Wyken Cottage,
Bridgnorth, Shropshire.

From Mrs Brenda Ferner

Sir, "Scotch smoked salmon" may refer to fish of unstated provenance which was smoked in Scotland, whereas "smoked Scotch salmon" should be the home-grown and prepared item. Asking the question in a shop usually provokes total incomprehension or the suspicion that one is a trouble-maker.

Yours truly,
BRENDA FERNER,
17 Market Street,
Adlington,
Chorley, Lancashire.

Bridge over some troubled waters

From Mr Richard Gollin

Sir, It seems a shame to spoil your leader writer's pastoral reverie of life in the Hebrides ("An isle too far", April 19) with a few facts; but there are no roads from "nowhere to nowhere" on the Western Isles. Most communities have no decent road at all. Our area of 15 villages is lucky: we are getting a road built, but it will take about 10 years to link us with Stornoway, and it will still be single-track.

The people of Skye did indeed support the idea of a bridge to the mainland, but they totally opposed being used as the guinea-pigs for the government's ideas on private-enterprise toll roads. They are going to have to pay for rights most of your readers take for granted as free, every-day services.

Although the government claims to believe in competition, the existing ferry boat has been banned from competing with the new road and will be withdrawn. Unless you think that your readers who commute from rural villages would be happy with single-track roads and tolls, please do not try to foist this sort of thing on those of us who live and work in remote areas.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD GOLLIN (Director),
Baile-na-Cille Ltd.,
Timsgarry, Uig, Isle of Lewis.

From Mrs John Phillips

Sir, It is possible, as your editorial suggests, that the construction of a bridge between the mainland and Skye may spoil an area as attractive for its inaccessibility as for its beauty. But your analogy with the Isles of Scilly ignores the fact that nearby Cornwall is an area more visited by tourists than the countryside around Kyle of Lochalsh.

Arguing for continuing the restrictive ferry access to Skye, so that the island may be preserved in its remote, wild state for the benefit of — presumably — certain holiday-makers, smacks of the self-interest of which you accuse the islanders.

The people of Skye are as entitled as other inhabitants of the British Isles to seek to improve their standard of living, and it is impertinent, and unrealistic, to suggest that they can do so by uprooting themselves (and south of the border at that).

The inhabitants want the bridge. The attractions of Skye may well not be diminished; and in any event, while they are perhaps less accessible than Skye, other lonely and beautiful areas remain.

Yours faithfully,
JENNY PHILLIPS,
7 Parrock Avenue,
Gravesend, Kent.
April 22.

From Mr John M. Taylor, MP for Solihull (Conservative)

Sir, Bonnie Prince Charlie was not outbound to Skye from the mainland but inbound to Skye from Benbecula. The former journey is just not long enough to sustain a song of an heroic and romantic crossing. It is scarcely more (with a little licence) than a four iron.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN TAYLOR,
House of Commons.

Narcolepsy suffers

From Mr P. J. H. Saunders

Sir, Dr Stuttaford's article, "Sleep patterns, stress and the somnambulist" (April 4) discussed the occurrence of memory loss in narcolepsy. For those who are unfamiliar with this neurological disorder I should like to make it plain that the effects are of a transient lack of awareness which does not imply any long-term loss of memory or deterioration of intellect.

As far as differentiation by sex is concerned, the extensive medical literature on the subject suggests that there is no significant bias towards males or females among the sufferers.

Yours faithfully,
PETER J. SAUNDERS
(Honorary Secretary),
Narcolepsy Association [UK],
South Hall,
High Street,
Farningham, Kent.
April 18.

'Unsaintly' applause

From the Assistant Bishop of Bradford

Sir, The applause in Canterbury Cathedral at the enthronement (report, April 20) broke out spontaneously among the suffragan bishops as Archbishop George Carey greeted them in the sharing of the Peace. It had nothing to do with the music being played.

The applause then worked down the cathedral, without those outside the door knowing why it had started. At the end of the service the "nave" congregation also broke into applause, for the same reason of expressing support for the Archbishop.

Yours faithfully,
†DAVID R. J. EVANS,
30 Grosvenor Road,
Shipley, West Yorkshire.

Knotty problem

From Mr Robert Foster

Sir, The tie "a ridiculous garment, devoid of function" (Design, April 23)? Never; mine is always in the right place for cleaning my spectacles.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT FOSTER,
15 Churchgate Street,
Harlow, Essex.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 27: The Prince Edward, Chairman of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, today visited Suffolk.

His Royal Highness this morning visited the Thomas Mills High School, Framlingham and Ness House, Sizewell, and this afternoon ICI Paints, Stowmarket and the Newmarket Upper School.

The Prince Edward was received by Captain R.J. Sheepshanks (Deputy Lieutenant of Suffolk).

His Royal Highness later visited Thetford Chase Walk, Thetford and was received by Mr R.E. Buscall (Deputy Lieutenant of Norfolk).

The Prince Edward afterwards visited Offley Place, near Hitchin and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Hertfordshire (Mr Simon Bowes Lyon).

Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 27: The Princess Royal, Commandant in Chief, St John Ambulance and Nursing Cadets, this afternoon attended the Inaugural Meeting of the National Youth Council, Cowley Manor, Cowley, near Cheltenham and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Gloucestershire (Colonel Martin Gibbs).

Mrs Andrew Feilden was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 27: The Duchess of Kent, Patron of Ripon College Cuddesdon Appeal, this evening attended a Reception at Burrow Farm, Hambledon, Henley-on-Thames and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Buckinghamshire (Commander the Hon John Fremantle RN).

Mrs Peter Troughton was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 28: The Prince Edward this evening attended the Charrington London Fringe Awards presentation at the Hackney Empire, London, E8.

Mrs Richard Warburton was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 28: The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children Fund, this evening attended a Celebrity Concert, Alexander Theatre, Birmingham, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the County of the West Midlands (the Earl of Aylesford).

Mrs Richard Carew Pole was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 28: The Prince and Princess of Wales arrived at Heathrow Airport, London this morning from the Federal Republic of Brazil.

Major-General Sir Christopher Airy, Viscountess Campden, Mr Peter Westmacott, Commander Richard Aylard, RN, Commander Alistair Watson, RN, Mr Richard Arbiter and Surgeon-Captain Ian Jenkins, RN, were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 28: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President, the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, was present this evening at the Children's Variety Performance held at the Dominion Theatre, Tottenham Court Road.

The Countess Alexander of Tunis was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Mr Frank Auerbach, painter, 60; Mr Jonah Barrington, squash player, 50; Mrs Lynda Chalker, MP, 49; Miss Brenda Dean, trades unionist, 48; Lieutenant-General Sir Peter de la Billiere, 57; Mr Lonnie Donegan, skiffle musician and singer, 60; Sir Patrick Hamill, former chief constable, Strathclyde, 61; Miss Zizi Jeanmaire, dancer, 67; Professor David John, vice-chancellor, Bradford University, 60; Sir Anthony Laughton, oceanographer, 64; Mr Rod McKuen, poet and composer, 58; Mr Zubin Mehta, conductor, 55; Mr Johnny Miller, golfer, 44; Sir Fraser Noble, former vice-chancellor, Aberdeen University, 73; General Sir Patrick Palmer, 58; Lord Rothschild, 55; Mr Rudolf Schwarz, conductor, 86; Mr Jeremy Thorpe, former leader, Liberal Party, 62; Mr David Tindle, painter, 59; Professor Heinz Wolff, bioengineer, 63; Mr Fred Zinneman, film director, 84.

Marriages

Mr R.A.W. Goodman and Miss P.J. Blount
The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Mary Magdalene, Barkway, Hertfordshire, of Mr Rupert Goodman, elder son of Mr and Mrs Nigel Goodman, of Eton College, to Miss Pamela Blount, younger daughter of Mr and the Hon Mrs Christopher Blount, of Barkway.

The Rev C.C. Kevill-Davies officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Emma Sibcy, Victoria Collis, Jessica Collis and Cosima Glaister. Sir Francis Newman was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent in Botswana.

Mr N.B. Butterfield and Miss U.P.L. Kent
A service of blessing was held at the Church of St John the Baptist, Windlesham, Surrey, on Saturday after the marriage at Tunbridge Wells Register Office of Mr Nat Butterfield, youngest son of the late Sir Harry Butterfield and of Lady Butterfield, of Bermuda, to Miss Ursula Kent, youngest daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Brian Kent, of Ascot, Berkshire. The Rev J. Pierssene officiated.

Mr R.V. Bellord and Mrs E. Brooks
The marriage took place on April 12, 1991, in Sevierville, Tennessee, between Richard Bellord, younger surviving son of the late Robert Bellord and of Mrs John Woodroffe, of Child Okeford, Dorset, and Elizabeth Brooks, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Conger, of Princeton, New Jersey.

Mr T.E. Killick and Miss C.B.T-L. Gielgud
The marriage took place on Saturday, April 27, at St James's, Piccadilly, of Mr Timothy Killick, elder son of Brigadier and Mrs Edward Killick to Miss Kate Gielgud, daughter of Mr Adam Gielgud and Mrs Johanna Kaufmann. The Rev Ulla Monberg officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her brother Christopher Gielgud, was attended by Miss Katherine Page. The best man was Mr Andrew Cuthbert.

A reception was held at the Army and Navy Club, Pall Mall, and the honeymoon is being spent in Paris.

Mr E. Marriott and Miss C. Shand
The marriage took place on Saturday, April 27, at St John's, Notting Hill, of Mr Edward Marriott, son of Mr and Mrs Charles Marriott, of Chilton Candover, Hampshire, to Miss Camilla Shand, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Gordon Shand, of Holland Park, London. The Rev Harold Stringer officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Laura Hobson, Annabel and Christina Shand and Cosmo Davenport-Hines. Mr Richard Ingleby was best man.

A reception was held at Boodles and the honeymoon will be spent in France.

Mr J.H.L. Puxley and Mrs D.A. Puxley
The marriage took place on Friday, April 26, at The Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, London, of James, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Puxley, to Deborah, only daughter of Colonel and Mrs Iain Ferguson. The Rev Michael Seed, SA, officiated, assisted by the Right Rev Mgr Ralph Brown, the Rev John Barrie and the Rev Nigel Sands. Mr Charles Puxley was best man.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S.P.A. Brewer and Miss S.G. Meldrum
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Brewer, of Upton, Somerset, and Suki, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Meldrum, of St Brelade, Jersey.

Mr M.T.B. Fattorini and Miss S. Häfliger
The engagement is announced between Martin, second son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Fattorini, of Hale, Cheshire, and Sibylle, only daughter of Herr and Frau Adi Häfliger, of Wettingen, Switzerland.

Mr W.H. Jenney and Miss D.M.E. Cox
The engagement is announced between Hugo, son of Mr and Mrs T.W.N. Jenney, of Obain, Belgium, and Dalla, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.A. Cox, of Silchester, Hampshire.

Mr J.G. McGuire and Miss H.C.A. Barnes
The engagement is announced between James Gary, son of Mr and Mrs D. McGuire, of Rustington, Sussex, and Helen Carol Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.W.G. Barnes, of Osterley, Middlesex.

Mr P.R. Moon and Miss B.A. Rhyner
The engagement is announced between Peter Royston, son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Moon, of Pembrokehsire, South Wales, and Beth Ann, daughter of Mr Warren Rhyner, of Missouri, USA, and Mrs Jean Holbert, of Green Bay, Wisconsin, USA.

Mr E.D. Steen and Miss A.J. Grieff
The engagement is announced between Edward, son of Mr and Mrs W.H. Steen, of 126 Queens Road, Walton-on-Thames, and Amanda Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs B. Grieff, of 7 Kenmore Close, Church Crookham, Fleet.

Mr G.P. Sylvester and Miss A.C. Codrington
The engagement is announced between Graham, only son of Dr and Mrs Derek Sylvester, of Almondsbury Field, Lower Almondsbury, Bristol, and Annabelle, only daughter of Mr and Mrs James Codrington, of Poplar Hall, Appledore, Kent.

Dr R.T. Syme and Miss J. Robson
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs H. Syme, of Edinburgh, and Janet, daughter of Dr and Mrs E. Robson, of Darlington.

Mr S.R. Trickey and Miss N. Martens
The engagement is announced between Stephen, only son of Mr and Mrs R.H.E. Trickey, of Sanderstead, Surrey, and Nicolette, elder daughter of Mr R. Martens, of Natal, South Africa.

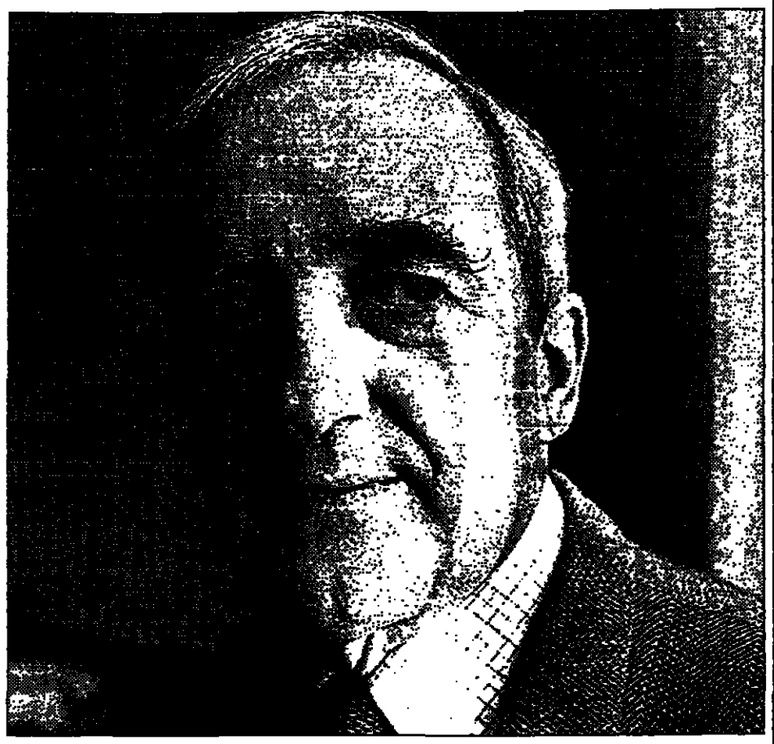
Appointments

Air Vice-Marshal Sir John Severne, Captain Richard Bethell and Peter Speke to be Deputy Lieutenants for the County of Somerset.

OBITUARIES

JOHN LYTTLE

John Gordon Lyttle, secretary for public affairs to the Archbishop of Canterbury, died on April 27 aged 58 after heart trouble. He was born on January 15, 1933.



JOHN Lyttle was not a religious man though he believed in the clash of good and evil and hated people being oppressed or unfairly treated. His career, even before he joined the staff of the Archbishop of Canterbury, was largely devoted to setting wrongs right. He worked against racial discrimination, for justice in the handling of police complaints, and most recently he was known for his usually secret diplomacy in seeking to free hostages held in the Middle East.

Lyttle was educated at Oldershaw Grammar School, Wallasey, then read law and Spanish at Sheffield University. Although at school, where he was keen on debating, he showed Liberal tendencies, he joined the Labour Party's research department in 1963 and stayed there until 1966. A major domestic issue of the day was race relations and what could be done to ensure integration of newcomers into society at a time when there was ample evidence of overt discrimination.

The need to provide the means of tackling it fired the conscience of those associated with the Labour Party and others also with a concern for social justice. John Lyttle stood out among them and was in a position to help nurture ideas for legislation. With his law degree and experience of race relations issues, John Lyttle was the ideal man to be chief conciliation officer at the Race Relations Board and later chief officer. He said once: "To discriminate against a man because of the colour of his skin is as absurd as it is to discriminate because of the length of his hair or his earlobes." He had been brought to the board by Mr Mark Bonham Carter at a time when there was a Lib-Lab consensus on the issue with Mr Roy Jenkins playing a key role in its formation as Home Secretary. Lyttle was drawn naturally to such company and when Sir Geoffrey Wilson, a former top civil servant, replaced Bonham Carter, Lyttle resigned over the running of the organisation. He was not an easy committee man and liked to be left to get on with things.

His next move was again within the ambit of the centre left, becoming special adviser to Mrs Shirley Williams, Prices Secretary. When she became Secretary of State for Education and Science he followed her. The trail was to lead to Lyttle becoming chief press officer to the SDP, before he contracted serious heart trouble, and head of Roy Jenkins's office.

He was off again in 1985 to be a member of the Police Complaints Authority, using the same sort of aptitude that he had employed when serving the Race Relations Board. But his true role was to be on a wider stage working for the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Lyttle came into prominence over his efforts to secure the release of Terry Waite and the other hostages. One outcome was a visit to Tehran by a parliamentary delegation in June 1988, following an approach to Lyttle by an Iranian claiming to represent a moderate faction seeking ways of reducing Iran's isolation. The discussions focused on how British and Iranian relations could be improved. In Tehran Lyttle visited Roger Cooper, the imprisoned British businessman, subsequently released. In August 1988 a senior Iranian foreign office official flew into London for a meeting with the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Lyttle, who had taken office a few days after Terry Waite was kidnapped, played a key role in breaking the diplomatic ice between Britain and Iran during periods of intense mutual suspicion. He travelled, much, to Iran, Damascus, Lebanon, and Nicosia, and on three occasions held secret talks with leading Iranian factions in Geneva. His contacts with emissaries of President Rafsanjani were not only in London but also in Paris, Dublin and several other European cities. He trod a careful line between the independence of the church and national interests by maintaining close links with the Foreign Office. He brought strong pressure to bear on a succession of Foreign Office ministers to open direct talks with Tehran despite the lack of diplomatic relations. A Middle East businessman living in London in fact acted as the personal emissary of President Rafsanjani, keeping in monthly contact with Lyttle. The partnership between them provided an unofficial channel of communication to the Foreign Office.

Lyttle was unmarried.

NIGEL JUDAH

Nigel Judah, former finance director and company secretary of Reuters, died on April 26 aged 60 after a long illness. He was born on December 6, 1930.

NIGEL Judah masterminded Reuters' finances in a period of exceptionally rapid growth over the last three decades. His career with the company, which began in 1955, coincided with its transformation in the most expansive era of its 142 year history.

Born in Calcutta, Judah was educated at Charterhouse and Lausanne University and became a chartered accountant, as which he joined Reuters. He was aged only 29 when he was appointed secretary and chief accountant in 1960; Reuters revenues were £2,407,000 and there was a loss of £18,000. Last year, when he handed over his financial responsibilities, revenues for the year were £1,369,000,000 and profits £320,100,000.

One of his major achievements was to negotiate with the Swiss Bank, Credit Suisse, in 1967 Reuters first post-war bank loan, not made easier by the company's poor profit record and at the time seemingly unattractive balance sheet. Judah was well aware of the importance of the loan if Reuters was to compete with American news agencies and provide computerised financial information — another area of expansion demanding capital. The strategy included acquisition of the Swiss news agency, Agence Cosmographique, to provide a means of expanding in the potentially rich Swiss market.

Judah, who had been appointed assistant general manager in 1967, was appointed to the Reuters board in 1981 and continued as finance director when shares in the company were floated in 1984, his direction of which was his greatest achievement of the 1980s. For Reuters says it was the first initial public offering ever to have taken place simultaneously in London and New York. The agency adds that he established the first budgeting procedures and showed great rigour in controlling the company's costs, but he reacted creatively and positively to the revolutionary products in the financial information field, which his colleagues presented to him for his imprimatur.

Elegant in manners and taste, Judah was a man of culture, and as a great opera lover ensured Reuters' support of Covent Garden and Glyndebourne. He was also a connoisseur of wine, buying it at Christie's at the bottom of the market and serving it at business lunches at Reuters, not least with bankers.

His resignation as company secretary, before his retirement, took effect at the annual general meeting the day before he died. He had retired as finance director in 1990. At the time of his death he was chairman of Reuter charity organisations. His rebuilding of the company took it to levels of activity and prosperity hardly conceivable when he joined.

He is survived by two daughters and a son.

SIR KENNETH BLAXTER

Professor Sir Kenneth Blaxter, FRS, director of the Rowett Research Institute, Aberdeen, 1965-1982, died on April 18 aged 71. He was born on June 19, 1919.

IN THE course of a life-time spent in research into various aspects of ruminant livestock nutrition Kenneth Blaxter made contributions to the subject which played a major part in the advances in livestock production efficiency that have been achieved during the last three decades. His early studies on home-grown feeds for milk production were followed by others designed to throw light on the effect of varying the distribution of feed input over critical parts of the lactation cycle on milk yield. An in-depth study of the nutrition of the Ayrshire calf provided much useful data on which to base the practice of early weaning of calves — now widely adopted in livestock production systems throughout the world.

Blaxter's studies on mineral metabolism are well exemplified by those relating to magnesium in the calf and recognition that the increasing susceptibility of the older cow to hypomagnesaemia is associated with reduced availability of the element present in the skeleton. His studies on lead as a nutritional hazard to farm livestock are regarded as the definitive work in this field, as are those on the toxicity of large doses of vitamin Ds in calf nutrition. Blaxter's investigations concerning muscular dystrophy in calves led to the widespread introduction of vitamin E supplementation for prophylactic treatment and subsequently, as the relationship between vitamin E and selenium was revealed, to the carefully controlled use of selenium in calf and lamb nutrition which is now universally practised.

But Blaxter's outstanding contribution lay in his studies on the energy metabolism of ruminant livestock. These studies, necessitating the design, construction and use of complex respiration chambers for cattle and sheep covered various aspects of the subject: the partition of ingested feed energy, species and age differences in fasting metabolism, effects of environmental temperature, humidity and air flow on heat losses and efficiency of utilisation of the end-products of digestion. The results arising from these studies led Blaxter to formulate the metabolisable energy system of feed evaluation widely adopted throughout the world today.

Kenneth Lyon Blaxter was educated at Norwich School and read agriculture at Reading University. His early researches subsequently gained him a PhD and a DSc. His first appointment was as a research assistant at the then National Institute of Research in Dairying, Shinfield, Reading, which was interrupted by war service in the Royal Artillery (1940-41). After leaving the army he was for two years a research officer at the Veterinary Research Laboratory of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Weybridge. During 1946-47 he spent a year in the animal nutrition laboratory of the late Professor H. H. Mitchell at the University of Illinois, as a Commonwealth Fund fellow before returning to Weybridge. In 1948 Blaxter was appointed head of the nutrition department of the Hannah Dairy Research Institute where he remained until taking up the post of director of the Rowett.

He was accorded many honours during his career. Knighted in 1977, he was elected a fellow of the Royal Society in 1967 and of the Royal Society of Edinburgh in 1965 in which he served as president 1979-1982. He was an elected foreign member of the Lenin Academy of Agricultural Sciences (1970), and of the Dutch Society of Sciences (1982). The American Institute of Nutrition accorded him honorary membership (1979). At home he served as president of a number of prestigious scientific societies such as the Nutrition Society and the



British Society of Animal Production. He was an elected member of the Royal Agricultural Society (1982), the Royal Society of Arts (1962) and given an honorary associateship of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (1978). he received honorary doctorates from four universities (Queen's, Belfast, 1974; the Agricultural University, Norway, 1975; Leeds 1977; and Newcastle upon Tyne, 1984).

He is survived by his wife Mildred, one daughter and two sons.

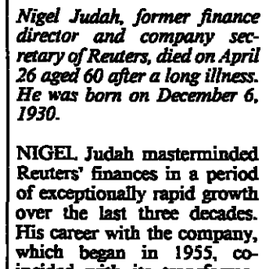
ALFRED BRADLEY

Professor Michael Marland writes:

IN YOUR excellent survey of the range of Alfred Bradley's radio work, one extension of it deserves stressing. He brought his early experience in education as drama adviser to Leicestershire together with his unique radio drama experience to produce two pioneering books of radio plays for reading and studying with older classes in secondary schools. They remain the only sources of the texts of radio plays in schools and are another memory of his insight, flair, — and interest in young people: *Worth a Hearing*, published by Blackie, and *Out of The Air*, in Longman Imprint Books.

Nature notes

SWALLOWS are back around the barns where they will nest: the males chase each other in the sky, sometimes swerving to pick up a fly while still in hot pursuit. The first wood warblers are arriving: they sing in the translucent green tops of the beeches, with a shivering call and an occasional trill like a nightingale's. Sedge warblers are also back, singing their rapid, chattering song at the edge of ditches or reedbeds: sometimes they hurl themselves into the air to sing a few phrases, then drop back into a bush again. Last week



there was a passage of singing willow warblers through London.

The small white flowers of wild strawberry are appearing; near them on the ground there are often patches of dove's-foot cranesbill, with a few red leaves that look like strawberries. The first pink stars of common storksbill are also opening. The pink flowers of red deadnettle sit in a rosette of crimson leaves. On many oak trees, a tangle of long catkins and small leaves is bursting simultaneously from the buds.

Holly blue butterflies are on the wing in woods and gardens: they are the first blue butterflies, and when they settle they show their distinctive silvery underwings.

DJM

Peter Hebblethwaite

Humble pious cardinal

VINCENTAS Sladkevicius, strictly speaking the Archbishop of Kaunas in Lithuania, was made a cardinal by Pope John Paul II on June 28, 1988 — only the second cardinal in the USSR. He was banned from his diocese for 25 years until 1982 and lived in a remote village in primitive conditions.

But he had a radio and through the BBC learned English. All those KGB interrogations have made him a desperately difficult man to interview. He learned to say nothing, smile sweetly and make edifyingly pious remarks that must have driven inquisitors round the bend.

Born on August 20, 1920, he was the fifth child of a farmer. He went to the Jesuit college in Kaunas, then the capital city, Vilnius being in Polish hands. In 1939 he entered a seminary near by. "The end of Hitler in 1945," he said with what might have been a twinkle in his eye, "was also the end of my theological studies." He worked in five parishes in eight years before going back to teach at the seminary. The communists imposed strict limits on admission: no more than 75 seminarians were allowed. Today it has nearly 100 in the first year alone.

In 1957 he was consecrated auxiliary bishop of Kaisiadorys. This is when his Calvary began. Yet, he insists, "these years in the village with no duties were a great grace for me. At 37 I was too young to be a bishop, I needed a time of preparation." Though under house arrest, he could receive visits from his people.

At the age of 62 his novitiate for episcopacy was over. Those wilderness years had not been wasted, for "all time of suffering is a time of grace. This is true of Lithuania too. Those 40 years of suffering were a collective grace. Our country was preserved from many bad influences from the West during this time. We learned to defend our faith as our greatest treasure."

Yes, one could muse, come to Lithuania to see the preconciliar Catholic church in action: at Mass the priest turns his back on a silent people, there is no kiss of peace, communion is not in the hand but on the tongue. But it is unfair to blame the Lithuanians for being ignorant of an event in which they were not allowed to take part.

Had the election of a Polish pope in 1978 made any difference to Lithuania? Did the age-old rivalries with Poland continue? He bridled at "rivalries" and proposed "misunderstandings". He said that John Paul II had shown great shrewdness in beatifying, in 1987, Jurgis Matulaitis, 1871-1927, Archbishop of Vilnius. This marked the 600th anniversary of the christening of Lithuania. The point about Blessed Jurgis is that he defended Lithuanians' rights during the Polish occupation.

Since 1988 there has been great progress in religious liberty in the USSR, but could there be proper religous freedom without political and civic freedom?

He dispatched that question swiftly to the boundary. Of course they were separable: "We had religious freedom but no political freedom when we were part of Poland. And today, we could have independence without religious freedom. We do not know who will preside over our independence."

It looks as though President Landsbergis will preside over its initial stages at least. Did the cardinal admire him? He paused *lungissimo*. "We must not admire any person. Admiration of personalities was at the origin of Hitler, Stalin and Mussolini. He is a clever leader," the cardinal conceded, adding cryptically, "who is sometimes a believer, sometimes not."

John Major had recently been in Moscow and distressed the Baltic states by not putting their case more strongly. The cardinal was philosophical: "To every cause comes its hour, its chance. We must learn to wait and grow spiritually to become worthy of this grace. I am not a political man, but I'll say this: the policy must always be to be united with the will of God. God never wants bad things for us, but only good things."

Peter Hebblethwaite is Vatican affairs writer for the National Catholic Reporter, *Kansas City.*

Service dinners

Forth Division RNR
Surgeon Commander A.D. MacLeod presided at a dinner of the Medical Department of the Forth Divison RNR held on Saturday on board HMS Claverhouse, Edinburgh. Surgeon Commander N.A. Malcolm-Smith was the guest of honour.

Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers (Militia)
Lieutenant-Colonel A.S. Tuggey, Commander of the Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers (Militia), presided at a dinner held on Saturday at The Castle, Monmouth. General Sir George Cooper, Chief Royal Engineer, and Colonel W.P. Howells, Chairman of the TAVRA for Wales, were among the guests.

Yorkshire Volunteers
Colonel R.J. Elliott presided at the annual dinner of the Yorkshire Volunteers held on Saturday at Catterick. The Lord Lieutenants of North and South Yorkshire, General Sir John Akehurst and General Sir Martin Farndale were the principal guests.

Service luncheon

No 2 Group RAF
Air Vice-Marshal LJ. Spencer, President of the No 2 Group RAF Officers' Association, presided at the annual reunion luncheon held on Saturday at the RAF Club. Air Vice-Marshal S.R. Ubee, Air Vice-Marshal G.R. Magill, Air Vice-Marshal E. James, Air Commodore Sir Dennis Mitchell, Air Commodore G.J.C. Paul and Air Commodore E.B. Sismore were among those present.

The Friends of the Elderly

The Friends of the Elderly & Gentlefolk's Help will hold their annual service in Southwark Cathedral on Wednesday, May 1, at 6.30 pm. The Dean of Westminster the Very Rev Michael Mayne will preach the sermon.

Today's royal engagements

Prince Edward will present awards at the Sony Radio Awards luncheon at Grosvenor House at 12.25.

The Princess Royal, as President of the Save the Children Fund, will attend the launch of the "Skip Lunch, Save A Life" appeal for Africa at the Church House Conference Centre, Dean's Yard, Westminster, at 11.00; and, as Patron of the British Nutrition Foundation, will attend a seminar on "Nutrition, Europe 1992 and all that" at 15 Belgrave Square at 2.20; and will attend the Booksellers' Association annual dinner at the Holiday Inn, Cardiff, at 7.30.

Princess Margaret will attend the opening of the exhibition "Piranesi: Vedute Di Roma" at the Royal Institute of British Architects at 6.40.

The Duke of Kent, as President of the Football Association, will open the new stadium at Wycombe Wanderers Football Club, Hillbottom Road, Sands, High Wycombe, at 6.00.

Dinner

Milton Keynes Chamber of Commerce
Sir Leon Brittan, QC, Vice President of the Commission of the European Communities, was the guest of honour and principal speaker at the Milton Keynes Chamber of Commerce Annual Export Awards Dinner held on Friday, April 26, at Saxon Court. Mr E.C. Ray was in the chair.

Memorial service

Admiral Sir Frederick Parham
A memorial service for Admiral Sir Frederick Parham was held on Saturday at the Church of St Mary Magdalene, West Lavington, Wiltshire. Canon Dr David Charlton officiated, assisted by Miss Mary Cowper, who led the prayers. Mr Martin Stanway-Mayers and Judge John Main read the lessons. Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffrey Dalton gave an address.

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But when the right time finally came, God sent his own son, He came as the son of a human mother and lived under the Jewish Law to redeem those who were under the law. Who were under the law.
Galatians 4:4,5 GNB

BIRTHS

ALLEN - On April 23rd at Queen Charlotte & Chelsea Hospital London to Emma (née Briant-Evans) and Tim, a daughter Charlotte Polly.

CUNNINGHAM - On April 18th to Margot (née McDonald) and Declan, a son Charles Edward, a brother for Emma.

DEPASS - See Kritzman.

ECKERSLEY - On April 26th, to Juliet (née Knight) and David, a daughter, Clantha Florence Beatrice, a sister for Peter.

FLETCHER - On April 19th, in Tokyo, to Sarah-Gay (née Wolfendale) and Paul, a daughter, Rosie Joan, a sister for Ella and Hannah.

GUYOT d'ASNIÈRES de SALINS - On April 24th 1991, at Queen Mary's, Roehampton, to Ghislaine (née de Buyer) and Gilles-Guy, a daughter, Alix, a sister for Tiphaine and Aude.

HIGLEY - On April 26th, 1991. To Sarah (n'ee Gray) and Charles a daughter, Olivia Rose Charlotte.

KRUGSMAN - On April 22nd to Anna and Richard, a daughter, Alice Louisa, a sister for Daniel.

MAHTANI - On April 22nd, at The Portland Hospital, a son to Prasheena and Vinod, a grandson to Kavita Lachu.

MORRIS - On April 22nd, at The Portland Hospital, to Pauline and Stephen, twin sons, David Peter and Andrew Michael, brothers for Sarah.

OLIVIER - On April 17th, at The Portland Hospital, to Helmut and Susanne, a daughter, Anne Kathrine.

REES - On Sunday April 21st, to Fiona (née Gibb) and Christopher, a daughter, Isobel Charlotte.

RUSS - On March 29th 1991, at The Alexandra Hospital, Worcestershire, to Julie (née Cornwell) and Colin - a beautiful daughter, Felicity Isabella Loveday.

TASNEY - see Willan.

WILLAN - On April 23rd, at The Portland Hospital, to Richard and Sara, a daughter, Georgia Fairfax, a sister for Claudia.

YOUNG - On April 25th, at The Portland Hospital, to Enzina (née Puschin0) and David, a daughter, Emily.

RUBY ANNIVERSARIES

NEWBUM-MOORE - On April 26th 1951, at St Alban's Cathedral and Abbey Church, Neill to Jane. Now living in Norfolk.

DEATHS

BOULTARD - On April 25th, at his home, Frank (Francis Gabriel) aged 84 years. Professional Golfer. Member of the T.G.A. Much loved and missed by all the family. Funeral on Friday May 3rd at 3 pm at Beckenham Crematorium. All enquiries to Francis Chappell & Son, Bromley, (081) 460-1720.

EMPSON - On April 24th, suddenly at home, Bernard Albert, aged 72, of Kenton, Harrow, Middlesex. Sadly missed by all family and friends. Requiem Mass Thursday May 2nd, 12 noon, All Saints R.C. Church, Kenton. Flowers to Butler and Son, 40 Kenton Park Parade, Kenton, Harrow, Middlesex.

GARNETT - On April 24th, peacefully in St Oswald's Hospital, Ashbourne, after a short illness, Ronald James Mercer, formerly of Surbiton and Nunthorpe-in-Cleveland. Beloved husband of June and father of Amanda, Nicholas and Christopher, he will be sadly missed. Service and cremation at Markeaton Crematorium, Derby at 1415, Thursday May 2nd. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to St Oswald's c/o A. Slater & Sons, Main Road, Mayfield, Ashbourne.

HASSETT - On April 26th, The Reverend Jack Richard, aged 80. Funeral Service St Bartholomew's Church, Sutton Cum Lound, May 2nd 1.45 pm, followed by cremation. Family flowers only, donations to the Intercontinental Church Society, 175 Tower Bridge Road, London SE1 2AQ or the Bassetlaw Hospice Appeal, 59a Bridge Street, Worksop, Notts.

HOFFER - On April 24th, peacefully, Marina (née Masaryk). Requiem Mass at St Joseph's Church, Highgate, at 10.15 am on May 7th, then to Hampstead Cemetery.

IRVINE - On April 21st, 1991, at a Bournemouth nursing home, Gertrude Ellen (née Hannay), in her 92nd year, Widow of Robert Montgomery Irvine. Elder daughter of John and Ellen Hannay, Pollockshields, and last surviving of the nineteen grandchildren of Robert and Bridget Hannay of Rusco, Gatehouse-of-Fleet, and Springfield, Ulverston. Deeply regretted by her son and two granddaughters.

JEARY - On April 25th, suddenly in hospital after a short illness, Nancy Earle (née Raper) S.R.N., S.C.M. Wife and companion of Rod for 36 years and mother of Paul. Funeral at St Mildred's Church, Tenterden, on Friday May 3rd at 2 pm, followed by cremation. Flowers or donations if desired to R.N.L.I. c/o T.W. Fuggle & Son, 20 Ashford Road, Tenterden, Kent TN30 6QU.

KEMBER - On April 26th peacefully at home after a very long illness, William (Peter) aged 76, beloved husband of Audrey. Cremation private. Family flowers only. Thanksgiving service later.

KIMMA - On 24th April, Agnes (Nan) peacefully in her 90th year after a grand innings. Cremation at Harlow Crematorium Friday 3rd May 2pm. No flowers. Details, Daniel Robinson & Sons 0279 722476

LAWRENCE - On April 24th, peacefully at home, Evelyn Beatrice, in her 86th year, beloved wife of the late N.W. Lawrence. Funeral at St Paul's, Bentley Common, Brentwood, at 12 noon on Tuesday April 30th.

NEWCOMBE - On April 26th 1991, peacefully at home, Reginald John, aged 90. Dearly loved husband of Nancy, beloved father of John, Julie and Mark and devoted brother of Edna. He will be sadly missed by all of his family and friends. Funeral Service at St John's Parish Church, Church Row, Hampstead, NW3, on Friday May 3rd at 11.30 am, followed by cremation at Golders Green. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to the RICS Benevolent Fund Ltd., 2nd Floor, Tavistock House North, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9RJ.

SOPER - On April 24th, peacefully in Clarence Nursing Home, Evelyn Mary, aged 79 years. Loving sister of Joan and dear aunt of Harold, Michael and Mary. Funeral Service on Thursday, May 2nd at 12 noon at the Tunbridge Wells Crematorium. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Cancer Research c/o E.R. Hicknott & Son, 41 Grove Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells.

TREMAYNE - On April 26th 1991 peacefully Iris Tremayne, widow of the late Robert Tremayne and beloved mother of Carolyn and Bruce. Funeral St. Andrew's Church, Linton Road, Oxford, at 2pm on Friday 3rd May. Flowers to A.W. Bruce, 29 Rogers Street, Summertown, Oxford by 12 noon. 0865 310907

WALTON - On April 24th 1991, after a short illness, at St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, John Walton, F.R.A.M., aged 85 years. Funeral Service at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on Wednesday May 1st at 3 pm. Family flowers only, donations, if desired, to the Royal Society of Musicians, 10 Stratford Place, London W1N 9AE.

WATSON - On April 24th at Hertford, F.G.M. (Greville) Watson F.R.I.C.S. Deeply mourned. Enfield cremation, 2nd May, at 1.30pm.

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(a) At an Extraordinary General Meeting of the above named Company held on 25 April 1991 at 5 Park Court, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet, Surrey KT14 6SD the following resolutions were passed as an Extraordinary Resolution and as an Ordinary Resolution:
That it has been proved to the satisfaction of this meeting that the company cannot by reason of its liabilities continue its business and that it is advisable to wind up the same and accordingly that the company be wound up voluntarily, and that Robert David Hewitt and Lynn Olsson of Gibson Hewitt be and they are hereby appointed liquidators for the purpose of winding up the company.
D J Weir
Chairman

2. Notice to Creditors to submit proofs
Section 588 of the Companies Act 1985
Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above named company which is being wound up voluntarily, are required on or before 31 July 1991, to send in their names and addresses with particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Robert David Hewitt of Gibson Hewitt & Co., 5 Park Court, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet, Surrey KT14 6SD, the Joint Liquidator of the company, written statements of the accounts they claim to be due to them from the company and, if so required, to produce such documentary or other evidence as may appear to the Joint Liquidator to be necessary. Creditors who has not proved his debt before the declaration of any dividend is not entitled to disturb, by reason that he has not participated in it, the distribution of that or any other dividend declared before his debt was proved.
Robert David Hewitt
Joint Liquidator
28 April 1991

ARTBASE LTD
TRADING NAME: "ARTBASE"
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on Wednesday 8th May 1991 at 4, Charterhouse Square, London. EC1M 6EN at 3.00 pm for the purposes mentioned in Section 98 of and of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Malcolm Raymond Dorrington FIPA of Pappleton and Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London. EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 19th day of April 1991
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
B. SHARLAND
DIRECTOR

CORDBOX LIMITED
I, Maurice Raymond Dorrington FIPA of Pappleton and Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London. EC1M 6EN have been appointed Liquidator of the above-named Company on 10th April 1991 by the Members and Creditors.
Dated 22 April 1991
M R Dorrington FIPA
Liquidator

COMPANY NOTICES

NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 158th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF FRIENDS' PROVIDENT LIFE OFFICE will be held at GLAZIERS HALL, 9 MONTAGUE CLOSE, LONDON BRIDGE, SE1 9DD, ON WEDNESDAY 22ND MAY 1991, at 2.30 p.m. to transact the following business:–

(1) To receive the Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December 1990 and the Reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon.

(2) To re-elect as Directors of the Office the following Directors, who retire by rotation:

Frederick Cotton
Michael Doerr
Michael Fox
John de Havilland

(3) To re-appoint Price Waterhouse as the auditors to the Office and to authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration.

By Order of the Directors,
B. W. SWEETLAND, Secretary.
29th April 1991

Friends' Provident Life Office,
Pixham End,
Dorking, Surrey, RH4 1QA

NOTES

(a) A member is entitled to appoint another person (who need not be a member) to attend the above meeting and vote instead of him.

(b) To be valid the instrument appointing a proxy, which should be as near to the form set out in rule 30 of the Rules of the Office as circumstances admit, and the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed, or a notarially certified copy of that power or authority, must be deposited at Pixham End, Dorking, Surrey, RH4 1QA, not less than forty-eight hours before the time fixed for holding the meeting, or adjourned meeting, or, in the case of a poll, not less than twenty-four hours before the time appointed for the taking of the poll.

(c) Proxy forms may be obtained on application to the Secretary.

(d) Members intending to attend and vote personally at the meeting should be prepared to quote their policy numbers.

(e) Only members are entitled to vote. Certain policyholders are not members. If a policyholder who is not also a member completes and returns a form of proxy, it will not be counted.

(f) Members have one vote each irrespective of the number of policies held.

(g) Members are entitled, on application to the Secretary, to receive a copy of the Report and Accounts.

LEGAL NOTICES

1. Appointment of Liquidators
Bernard Hall Limited
(In Liquidation)
At an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company duly convened and held on 25 April 1991 at 5 Park Court, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet, Surrey KT14 6SD the following resolutions were passed as an Extraordinary Resolution and as an Ordinary Resolution:
That it has been proved to the satisfaction of this meeting that the company cannot by reason of its liabilities continue its business and that it is advisable to wind up the same and accordingly that the company be wound up voluntarily, and that Robert David Hewitt and Lynn Olsson of Gibson Hewitt be and they are hereby appointed liquidators for the purpose of winding up the company.
D J Weir
Chairman

2. Notice to Creditors to submit proofs
Section 588 of the Companies Act 1985
Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above named company which is being wound up voluntarily, are required on or before 31 July 1991, to send in their names and addresses with particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Robert David Hewitt of Gibson Hewitt & Co., 5 Park Court, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet, Surrey KT14 6SD, the Joint Liquidator of the company, written statements of the accounts they claim to be due to them from the company and, if so required, to produce such documentary or other evidence as may appear to the Joint Liquidator to be necessary. Creditors who has not proved his debt before the declaration of any dividend is not entitled to disturb, by reason that he has not participated in it, the distribution of that or any other dividend declared before his debt was proved.
Robert David Hewitt
Joint Liquidator
28 April 1991

ARTBASE LTD
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on Wednesday 8th May 1991 at 4, Charterhouse Square, London. EC1M 6EN at 3.00 pm for the purposes mentioned in Section 98 of and of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Malcolm Raymond Dorrington FIPA of Pappleton and Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London. EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 19th day of April 1991
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
B. SHARLAND
DIRECTOR

CORDBOX LIMITED
I, Maurice Raymond Dorrington FIPA of Pappleton and Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London. EC1M 6EN have been appointed Liquidator of the above-named Company on 10th April 1991 by the Members and Creditors.
Dated 22 April 1991
M R Dorrington FIPA
Liquidator

LEGAL NOTICES

ARCHWAY NICHOLAS PUBLICATIONS LIMITED (IN RECEIVERSHIP)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 46(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Unsecured Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN on 1st May, 1991 at 3.00 pm for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Terence John Roper FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as Administrative Receiver under section 48 of the said Act. The meeting may, if it thinks fit, establish a creditors' committee to exercise the functions conferred on by or under the Act.
Creditors are only entitled to vote if:
a. they have delivered to us at the address shown above, no later than 12.00 o'clock noon on the business day before the meeting written details of the debts they claim to be due, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of the Insolvency Rules 1986 and
b. they have lodged with us any proxy which the creditor intends to use on his behalf.
Date this 17th day of April 1991
N H Cooper
and R W J Lees
Joint Administrative Receivers
Creditors may obtain a copy of the report, free of charge, on application to the undersigned Receivers at the address shown above.

CHANCERY PLC
(IN ADMINISTRATION)
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
A meeting of creditors of Chancery PLC will be held at The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, Chartered Accountants Hall, Moorgate Place, London EC2P 2BJ on 16 May 1991 at 10.30 am under the provisions of Section 25 of the Insolvency Act, 1986. The purpose of the meeting is to consider the administrators' proposals and, if creditors think fit to do so, to appoint a committee of creditors.
C G Bird
Joint Administrator

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NEW RELEASES

THE DOORS (18): Oliver Stone's rip-roaring biography of Doors singer Jim Morrison (a good impersonation from Val Kilmer).
Odeon Marble Arch (071-723 2011).

QUICK CHANGE (15): Daft, amusing Bill Murray vehicle about bank robbers struggling to reach Kennedy Airport. Geena Davis, Randy Quaid.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324) Warner (071-439 0791).

SCENES FROM A MALL (15): Woody Allen and Bette Midler's marriage teeters on the brink in an L.A. shopping mall. Bland, meandering comedy; director, Paul Mazursky.
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 3772) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-636 8861) Minema (071-235 4225) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 5703) Odeon Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

♦ **WHITE PALACE (18):** Torrid tale of mismatched lovers — burger waitress Susan Sarandon (excellent) and the upwardly mobile James Spader. Director, Luis Mandoki.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Plaza (071-497 9999) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

CURRENT

AMERICAN FRIENDS (PG): Nineteenth19th-century romance between an Oxford don (Michael Palin) and a young American (Trini Alvarado). Slender, charming, tasteful; director, Tristram Powell.
Metro (071-437 0757) Odeon Mezzanine (071-930 6111)

♦ **AWAKENINGS (12):** Tender, heart-tugging tale of neurologist Robin Williams stirring the life force in Robert De Niro and other patients.
Barbican (071-638 8891) Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Empire (071-497 9999) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

THE BEST OF BRITISH ANIMATION (15): The Aardman Studios' clay animation films — including the Oscar Award-winner *Creature Comforts* — top a mixed bag of goodies made over last four years.
ICA Cinema (071-930 3647).

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ♦) on release across the country.

LA BETE HUMAINE (PG): Zola updated by Jean Renoir in 1938 — a grand, moody classic, with Jean Gabin as the engine driver plagued by inner demons. Revived with another French plum, *Quai des brumes*.
Everyman (071-435 1525).

♦ **THE BONFIRE OF THE VANITIES (15):** Brian DePalma's shrivelled, cartoon-like version of Tom Wolfe's novel. Tom Hanks miscast as the Wall Street high-flyer shot down by fate.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Warner (071-439 0791).

CYRANO DE BERGERAC (U): Gérard Depardieu masterful as the lovelorn, long-nosed Cyrano; director Jean-Paul Rappeneau transforms Rostand's play into magnificent, swashbuckling cinema.
Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742) Cannon Piccadilly (071-437 3561) Premiere (071-439 4470) Renoir (071-837 8402).

♦ **DANCES WITH WOLVES (12):** Kevin Costner as the Civil War lieutenant sucked into the Sioux's way of life. Winner of seven Oscars.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-636 8861) Plaza (071-497 9999) Warner (071-439 0791) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

THE FIELD (12): Richard Harris in Thirties Ireland, fighting for his land. Grandly visualised, but windy drama; from the *My Left Foot* team.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772).

FREEDOM IS PARADISE (12): Incisive Russian drama about a reform school inmate escaping to see his father in prison. Director, Sergei Bodrov.
Renoir (071-837 8402).

New York romantic comedy.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Odeon: Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Plaza (071-497 9999) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

♦ **HAMLET (U):** Mel Gibson as the moody Prince — a decent, lively performance but lacking the bold imagination that would give the film a *strong reason for existing*. Director, Franco Zeffirelli.
Odeon Haymarket (071-839 7697).

JU DOU (15): Lust and revenge in a Chinese dye factory. Extraordinary, compelling drama from Zhang Yimou, director of *Red Sorghum*.
ICA Cinema (071-930 3647).

LIFE IS SWEET (15): Ups and downs of a North London family, depicted by master caricaturist Mike Leigh. Droll, farcical, at times oddly moving.
Barbican (071-638 8891) Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Gate (071-727 4043) Lumière (071-836 0691).

Q & A (18): Corruption and racism in *New York's justice system*. Electrifying performances (Nick Nolte, Armand Assante), though the end result carries less punch. Director, Sidney Lumet.
Warner (071-439 0791).

RIFF-RAFF: Marvellous "slice of life" portrait of a building-site crew from director Ken Loach. Authentic performances from unknown players.
National Film Theatre (071-928 3232).

SLEEPING WITH THE ENEMY (15): Sketchily mounted but facile woman-in-peril thriller. Julia Roberts as the abused wife who fakes her own death.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Leicester Square (071-930 6111) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

TATIE DANIELLE (15): Agreeable, satirical portrait of a spiteful old woman, deliciously played by French stage veteran Tatie Chelton.
Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Metro (071-437 0757) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366).

WAR PARTY (18): Modern-day Indians are forced on the warpath in Montana. Modest pursuit movie.
Cannons: Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Panton Street (071-930 0631).

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London
■ House full, returns only
☑ Some seats available
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☐ **THE HOMECOMING:** Warren Mitchell and others ensnared by Cherie Lunghi in Peter Hall's Pinter revival.
Comedy, Panton Street, W1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 135mins.

☐ **JEFFREY BERNARD IS UNWELL:** Peter O'Toole back playing the drunk-about-town columnist.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Fri, 8.30pm, Sat, 5pm and 8.30pm. 130mins.

☑ **MATADOR:** The rise of The Boy from Nowhere: great dancing and sets but a weak second half.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5040). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4.30pm. 150mins.

☐ **ONNAGATA:** Lindsay Kemp's latest theatrical event: Japanese Kabuki meets Orpheus legend.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-278 8916). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. 105mins. Final week.

☑ **RE: JOYCE!:** Maureen Lipman's pleasing ramble around Joyce Grenfell.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9988). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 3pm. 140mins.

☐ **RICK'S BAR CASABLANCA:** Leslie Grantham a wooden central figure in the original play on which the film was based.
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 6pm. 125mins.

☐ **THE SEAGULL:** Oxford Stage Company in a production that strives for laughs and lacks coherence.
Lilian Baylis, Arlington Way, EC1 (071 837 4104). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 3pm.

☐ **SILLY COW:** Ben Elton's awkward collection of one-liners, centred on Dawn French as a tabloid journo.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.45pm. 130mins.

■ **TOP GIRLS:** Caryl Churchill's pungent play revealing the opportunities missed in women's fight for power.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

☐ **THE TRIAL:** Antony Sher the most convincingly Kafkaesque figure in Berkoff's lurid production.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Wed, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2.15pm. 180mins.

☑ **TWELFTH NIGHT:** Peter Hall's sensitive production with Eric Porter, Dinsdale Landen, David Ryall.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 140mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ☑ Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) . . . ☑ Blood Brothers: Albery (071-867 1115) . . . ☐ Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . . ■ Cats: New London (071-405 0072) . . . ■ Five Guys Named Moe: Lyric (071-494 5045) . . . ☐ Me and My Girl: Adelphi (071-836 7611) . . . ■ Les Misérables: Palace (071-434 0909) . . . ■ Miss Saigon: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-836 8108) . . . ☐ The Mousetrap: St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . . ■ The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's (071-839 2244) . . . ☐ The Rehearsal: Garrick (071-379 6107). . . ☐ Return to the Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (071-379 5299) . . . ☐ The Rocky Horror Show: Piccadilly (071-867 1116) . . . ☐ Run For Your Wife: Duchess (071-836 8243) . . . ☐ Shirley Valentine: Duke of York's (071-836 5122) . . . ☐ A Slice of Saturday Night: Arts (071-836 2132). . . ☑ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . ☐ What the Butler Saw: Wyndham's (071-867 1116) . . . ☐ The Woman in Black: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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TODAY'S EVENTS

Ronnie Scott's, Frith Street, London W1 (071-439 0747). 9.30pm.

CARMEN: New production by Nuria Espert, conducted by Zubin Mehta, with Maria Ewing and Luis Lima (see review, above right).
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1066/1911). 7pm.

EARL OKIN: Sadly, comedy and jazz rarely go together nowadays. Make the most of Okin, a gentle mimic who on this occasion will be adding a tribute to mark the birthday of Duke Ellington.
Tenor Clef, Hoxton Square, London N1 (071-729 2476). 8.30pm.

RUSSIAN SPRING: In its final week, the South Bank's month-long exploration of the past 100 years of Russian music features two concerts (tonight and tomorrow) by the Moscow Radio Symphony Orchestra. The first features Mussorgsky's prelude *Khovanshchina*, Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No 2 and Tchaikovsky's Fifth; the second offers the first London performance of Gubaydulina's Offertorium for violin and orchestra. Vladimir Fedoseyev conducts both.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800). 7.30pm.

RITA McNEIL: The Canadian singer-songwriter has a rare vocal strength and clarity.
Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (071-823 9998). 7.30pm.

DOUBLE DEALER: Gemma Eddington's excellent touring production of Congreve's comedy sparkles with wit and intrigue, well acted by Paul Eddington, Michael Mear and Deborah Cornelius. Last leg of countrywide tour.
Alhambra Theatre, Morley Street, Bradford (0274 752000). 7.30pm.

TAMING OF THE SHREW: English National Ballet's new production of the comedy adapted by John Cranko from Shakespeare.
Bristol Hippodrome (0272 2984444). 7.30pm.

CHAMBER ORCHESTRA OF EUROPE: In the final concert celebrating the group's tenth birthday, Alexander Schneider conducts Mozart's Six German Dances, K571, Sinfonia Concertante in E flat, K297b, Symphony No 29 in A, K201, and Wolf's *Italian Serenade*.
Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (071-638 8891), 7.45pm.

EDWARD II: Opening night of Gerard Murphy's acclaimed production of the Christopher Marlowe play for the Royal Shakespeare Company. Simon Russell Beale, one of the RSC's finest actors, embraces the complexities of the central character.
The Pit, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (071-638 8891), 7pm.

HILTON RUIZ: A Latin barnstormer with a solid background as a top pianist (he was once a pupil with Mary Lou Williams). Apart from a habit of occasionally slipping into cacophonous Cecil Taylor mode, he is an unpretentious good-time swinger. The start of a week's residency.

Authenticity fit for Seville

DONALD COOPER

OPERA

Carmen
Covent Garden

NURIA Espert's first staging of Bizet's *Carmen* is built to last and it needs to be. After Covent Garden it goes to the Liceu in Barcelona and then opens the new Teatro del Maestranza in Seville itself. With such an itinerary ahead it has to be authentically Spanish as well, and there are unlikely to be many complaints on that score.

Espert arrives with a posse of experts: a flamenco choreographer, a movement director and a fight director. A pair of horses, admirably housetrained and duly rewarded with a barrel of hay, with their handlers led the last act procession into the bull ring. Gerardo Vera's solid fawn buildings rise high into the proscenium and for once Carmen's escape from military arrest is made credible by a suggested maze of Seville back alleys. In a final touch of verismo, José seizes a metal sickle from the end of a rope dangling from the walls of the bull ring to slice up Carmen in her prime: true impulse killing.

All works excellently in the outside acts, less well in the central two. The "lieu sauvage", where the smugglers rest on their way back from Gibraltar, looks nothing of the sort, with Seville's masonry still in place. Nor does the tavern in Act II convince as the sort of establishment to attract the in-crowd of officers, villains and gypsies, despite the luxury engagement of a French actor as Lillas Pastia.

In her first opera production, *Madama Butterfly*, Nuria Espert pushed the action downmarket into a squalid tenement. In *Carmen* she raises the social level. Even the cigarette factory girls, making a surprise entrance through the back of the stalls and leaving a trail of ash behind them, are well scrubbed and very respectably dressed (by Franca Squarciapino). There is no suggestion of the dirt and dust that characterised Piero Faggioni's Edinburgh Festival production, the best of recent *Carmens*.

The slightly sanitised approach does, though, provide a convincing frame for Maria Ewing's aloof and magnetic performance in the title role. Her Carmen has changed a lot since she first took the part at Glyndebourne in 1985. The Seville tart has become an independent woman, considerably more than half in love with herself and very Spanish looking with dangling ringlets accentuating the oval face. She toys with her men, apart perhaps from Escamillo, yet acts on impulse, suddenly and expertly joining in the Act II dance. But she is not so much a libertarian as a loner, and this solitude is never more emphasised than at the moment when Carmen turns up the cards of death.

Some of the vocal interpretation remains. The habañera is almost conversational, the seguidilla a piece of highly professional vamping as José is dangled at the end of the cord intended to bind her wrists. Ewing sings in long phrases, sometimes scampering over the notes. The full volume and emotional charge are reserved for the last two acts when the going becomes serious and in these, abetted by Espert, she takes complete charge of the stage.

Leontina Vaduva's Micaëla is more conventional, a little girl lost who turns up in José's life at all the wrong moments. She has the skill of her Romanian compatriot, Ileana Cotrubas, of filling naïve sentiments with tender tone. In Bizet's exquisite Act III aria this Micaëla leaves no doubt about who would have done a good job in looking after José.

Luis Lima in that role came into his own during the last two acts. His clear and forward tenor may sound at times a bit squeezed, but it carries the right



A Carmen more loner than libertarian: Maria Ewing with Luis Lima

head notes for French opera. The acting, though, was stodgy, with the Flower Song oddly passionless, until José decides to throw off his uniform and follow his fancy. Gino Quilico, sole survivor among the principals of the old Garden *Carmen*, makes a serious and unflamboyant Escamillo, carefully negotiating that so familiar song which also happens to be so difficult to sing. Vocally the smugglers (led by Bruno Caproni) and their molls (Judith Howarth and Jean Rigby) outpointed the soldiery.

Zubin Mehta, too long absent from the Royal Opera, conducted a highly lyrical account of the score, snuffing out as Karajan did at the last Salzburg *Carmen* any flicker of vulgarity. On opening night there could have been some more attack, especially from the chorus in which the boys from Haberdashers' proved that their elders were not always their betters. As the run goes on the sinews of this *Carmen* are likely to become more visible.

JOHN HIGGINS

TELEVISION

HRH The Duke of York
BBC 1

RECENTLY, Channel 4's *The Media Show* made the point that clips from existing royal documentaries are rarely shown on television because the Palace retains copyright and is decidedly sniffy about granting access. An outraged Ludovic Kennedy said that he had requested a clip from the Queen's coronation when compiling his television tribute to Richard Dimbleby, and had been peremptorily refused. Judging by yesterday afternoon's *HRH The Duke of York* (BBC 1), the broadcasters have countered this stumbling-block by means of a cunning plan. "We will make royal documentaries that are so humdrum that nobody will ever want to see any part of them ever again!" they chortled. "Trebles all round!"

Who ever thought the life of a helicopter pilot (and/or royal personage) could be so staggeringly dull? The point of the programme, of course, was to show the Duke pulling his weight in the Navy and leading an earnest, blameless, humble life. No turtle-soup-and-gold-spoon treatment for the Duke (or "H", as he is familiarly known to his fellow officers). He takes breakfast from a Kellogg's Variety Pack along with everybody else, festoons his cabin with pictures of the wife and kids (one of them poignantly signed in child-scrawl, "We all miss and love you — Beatrice"), and submits respectfully to a ticking-off from the captain about failing a flying-test. He admits that he employs the full-time services of a personal steward, but this is presented more as the burden of office than a whizzo perk, being linked mysteriously to "security". Just how it would endanger the Duke's security to fold his bed linen, however, was unclear.

But is the day-to-day existence of this competent naval pilot compelling television? It is not. The disappointment for the viewer was on a par with the old bluejacket's complaint about joining the Navy to see the world. What did we see? We saw the sea. Of course one must commend the filmmakers for not glamorising the subject: the Duke was not sent out on any contrived dare-devil missions; he was not even set up to opine anything implausibly remarkable or amusing. But *HRH The Duke of York* ought to have allowed itself to be a little more dramatic, if only for the viewer's sake. Occasional arty shots of HMS Campbeltown's flight deck silhouetted against pinky-gold sunsets gave promise of *Top Gun*-type excitement, but this was just a cruel tease. The footage of the airborne prince gave the distinct impression that the job of helicopter pilot is the aerial equivalent of bus-driving.

LYNNE TRUSS

DANCE

Holsten Horizons
The Place

WIN some, lose some. Mathilde Monnier's Face Nord, in the Holsten Horizons series of dance from Europe last week, was as appalling as Jean Gaudin's La Dame aux camélias was enjoyable.

Monnier offered a stage full of foliage which the performers tramped through, hid behind, or tore up by the roots. Their clothes suggested jungle warfare, but the masks they wore sometimes hinted at birds in a swamp. At one point they pulled daft faces, at another they all put on frocks and fell down. There were four musicians on stage, who were bearable when being jazzy but later became louder, sillier and (like the show) more pretentious. It went on and on.

Gaudin's dance-play, by contrast, was brief and gripping. His clever idea was to treat the story of Marguerite and Armand with two qualities not usually found in this context: humour and detachment.

His Armand Duval (Gérald Weingand) is found drowning in a sea of female flesh on a big, red, plush loveseat (which later revolves apparently of its own will and chases the dancers around the stage). A commentator, Geoffrey Lawrence Carey, tall and craggy in a purple kilt, eggs on the giggling, wriggling girls, who soon establish themselves as individuals.

Elisabeth Young, a slim redhead, uses her teasing smile and satirical movements of her feet to marshal the others like a matador playing the bulls. Maria Donata D'Urso's costume and movements pick up the Spanish theme in the ballet music from Verdi's opera, and between bursts of passionate Maria Callas she leads the other dancers in an ironic treatment of some vocal passages.

Claire Rousier's Marguerite seems less dominant at first, but her need to give and receive attention gradually develops into a positive character. She and her plain, puzzled Armand are mocked and ignored, but eventually their shy emotion and inevitable loss of each other become touching.

A text by Martine Drai adds little but serves as a context for the physical performance which actually carries the meaning. Philippe Marioge's set, however, adds a moral through the big decorative façade at the back which frowns down upon the frivolity of the cast, admonishing them with engraved exaltations to remember Travail, Famille, Patrie.

Some hope. There would be no place for Papa Duval in this world of partygoers for whom one of the great love stories is only an embarrassing interlude. It offers a refreshingly unusual, thought-provoking angle on an over-familiar theme.

JOHN PERCIVAL

POP

Tania Maria
Festival Hall

THE carnival in Rio goes on for days on end. So, it sometimes seems, do Tania Maria's songs. Opening a short season of concerts by Brazilian artists, the pianist-composer reduced the rhythms of her native country to non-stop Muzak.

There was a time, a decade or so ago, when she had the makings of the most vivacious Brazilian export since the days of João Gilberto. Since then she has moved towards the commercial mainstream. All that is left is a kind of all-purpose Euro-samba, with tantalising fragments of Latin piano lost in anonymous slabs of rock and funk.

If it fell flat as jazz, the show did not work any better as a straightforward pop act. Some old-fashioned showbusiness razzmatazz might have set the adrenalin flowing. Sadly, Maria's delivery was doggedly untheatrical. No one was asking for frilly costumes and Carmen Miranda headwear, but more was needed than six well-drilled musicians in dark tunics, politely going through the motions. The Eagles were livelier than this.

Consolation was at hand in the support set from the Jazz Warriors vocalist, Cleveland Watkiss, who showed that it is possible to go commercial without losing integrity. Like his new album, *Blessing In Disguise*, his set was an enticing kaleidoscope of influences, from slick Blue Note vamps to reggae chants and African pop. They were all handled with aplomb by a nonchalant young band which includes the fast-developing guitarist, Tony Remy.

Watkiss's lyrics at the moment are falling too easily into homilies on the state of the world. His stage act needs tightening too: concert hall audiences are less forgiving than the regulars in jazz clubs. Otherwise, there is immense promise here.

CLIVE DAVIS

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WORD-WATCHING

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POME
(a) A round ball of silver or other metal, which is filled with hot water, and is placed on the altar in winter months to prevent danger or accident with the chalice, from the hands of the priest becoming numb with cold, from the Latin *pomum* an apple.

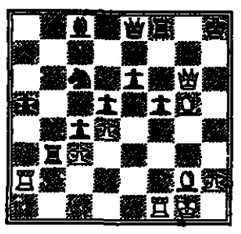
ANALECTS
(b) Literary gleanings, collections of fragments or extracts, from the Greek *ana* up + *legein* to gather: "A few of the sage's sayings, selected from thousands, to be found in the Confucian analects."

FILIATION
(a) Parentage, designation as a son, from the Latin *filius* a son: "Where the monogamous relation makes filiation clear."

ANTONOMASIA
(a) The substitution of an epithet or title for a person's name, as in the Iron Duke for Wellington, from the Greek *anti* instead + *onomazein* to name: "That Capitolium by antonomasia is put for a Gentile Temple in general."

CHESS MOVES

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



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7.30 Family Matters. John Humphrys and Paul Heiney discuss the thorny question of raising children late in life and the effect on young children of having elderly parents
8.00 Takeover Bid. Game show hosted by Bruce Forsyth. (Ceefax)
8.30 Birds of a Feather. Streetwise comedy starring Pauline Quirke and Linda Robson as two south London sisters whose husbands are in prison (r). (Ceefax)
9.00 A Party Election Broadcast on behalf of the Liberal Democrats
9.10 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather
9.40 Panorama: Beyond the Poll Tax. In the week of the local elections, David Dimbleby, in Nottingham Council Chamber, leads a debate on the future of local government. He is joined by leading politicians, local government officials, councillors and Nottinghamshire residents
10.20 Law And Order.
● CHOICE: Tracing its cases from crime to court room, *Law and Order* sometimes bites off more than it can chew in 50 minutes, and is prone to hasty wrap-ups. None the less, this New York show compares favourably with Channel 4's new rival drama – *E.N.G.* – a Canadian import set in a television news station. To go by tonight's first episode, *E.N.G.* seems stilted and unconvincing, a victim of the lack of confidence and energy that weakens much non-American genre television. *E.N.G.* strives to be dramatic where *Law and Order* is effortlessly so. The latter's recipe is more effective than it might sound, since it is a mish-mash of previous hit shows. Take one city (New York), a couple of policemen (location street work), stir in a few legal eagles (less air-conditioned than those in *L.A. Law*) and chuck in a lot of grit. Further reason for watching is provided by Michael Moriarty, a master of mannerist acting

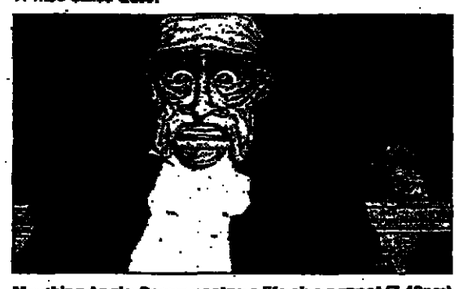


The impact of women on business: Marie Stewart (11.10pm)

11.10 Great Expectations: Follow My Leader. Marie Stewart looks behind the scenes of the Northern Business Centre, the Body Shop and British Nuclear Fuels Ltd to discover whether it makes a difference when a women has a say in how a business is run. Northern Ireland: Belfast – Orange, Green and Yellow
11.40 The Balloon. Sue Beardsmore continues her balloon flights and visits a millionaire's prized collection of shaped balloons (r). Northern Ireland: Great Expectations
12.10am Weather. Northern Ireland: The Balloon 12.40-1.00 The Sky at Night

BBC 2

6.45 Open University: Health Visiting and the Family. Ends at 7.10
8.00 News
8.15 Westminster. This week's business from the Lords and Commons
8.30 Daytime on Two: Out of the Dolls House – Thinking of England 8.55 History File – The World Since 1945 9.15 A Life of Our Own – Hobbies Jamboree 9.40 Maths at Work 10.00 Storytime – Five Minutes Peace 10.18 Music Time – The Padi-Fields 10.40 Job Bank – Hospital Work 11.00 Zig Zag – The Greeks, followed by Greek Pottery 11.20 Micro-Mindstretchers – Databases 11.25 Save a Life – The Recovery Position. (Ceefax) 11.35 Supersense – Seeing Sense. (Ceefax) 12.05 Teaching Today – Teaching Science in Primary Schools 12.35 Lifeschool – First Steps at Work: Speak Out 1.00 Mathspy – Play Your Cards & Solid Clues 1.20 Bertha – The Flying Bear 1.40 Landmarks – Buildings and Builders followed by Timber
2.00 News and weather followed by Storytime. *Five Minutes Peace* (r)
2.15 Scrutiny. How well do parliamentary committees do their jobs? Iain MacWhirter investigates (r). (Ceefax)
2.45 Snooker: The 1991 World Championship. From the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, David Vine introduces coverage of the day's play including the matches which should involve Jimmy White and John Parrott. Includes *news and weather at* 3.00, 3.50 and 5.00
6.40 DEF II begins with Sweet Seventeen. Final episode of the drama depicting the devastating effects of child abuse, based on real-life events and filmed with the help of the NSPCC. Starring Anya Phillips, Cherith Mellor and Will Tacey (r) 7.10 Dance Energy Remix. Normski hosts the last in the present series of the hip dance programme. Featuring Definition of Sound, the Beloved and A Tribe Called Quest



Mouthing Anglo-Saxon poetry: a life size puppet (7.40pm)

7.40 Open Space: From Devil Sticks to Sidrinning the Cat. Britain has long been criticised by European and American counterparts for its conservative attitude towards funding new approaches to performance. Prompted by the huge success of French circus Archaos and the Canadian Cirque de Soleil in Britain, this *Open Space* programme examines difficulties encountered by British artists trying to stage innovative work. Musician Michele De Pass and theatre administrator Zibby Campbell talk about new work in Britain and present a special performance of a new show, *The Dream*, which includes a life-size puppet mouthing Anglo-Saxon poetry, staged at Jackson's Lane Community Centre in Archway, North London
8.10 Horizon: Colonising Cyberspace.
● CHOICE:The counter-culture turns out to be alive and well and *Colonising Cyberspace*, freaking out with computers whose latest development – virtual reality – offers psychedelic effects in 3-D. Old hippies get technical about a new frontier that so far looks, well, quite primitive. Michael Frayn is asked to give it a go and, after wandering around with what looks like half a Flymo on his head, gives a polite thumbs down: "Not enough to engage one's imagination for very long." Virtual reality attracts its share of nuts, garage cranks and the occasional visionary; droning appears to be the greatest occupational hazard. At best, VR will be mind expanding, a combination of Escher and Alice – a strike also against the passivity of television – but a warning is sounded by a woman contributor who feels that it is just a boy's toy used for juvenile gratification, with worse to come. (Ceefax)
9.00 Snooker: The 1991 World Championship. An update on the action from the Crucible, Sheffield.
10.00 Drink Talking: Another Chance at Life. This week ex-alcoholics reflect on the road to recovery and Dr Noel Moorhead talks about his pioneering treatment for alcoholism in Northern Ireland
10.30 A Party Election Broadcast on behalf of the Liberal Democrats
10.40 Newsnight introduced by Peter Snow
11.25 Snooker: The 1991 World Championship. David Vine with coverage of the final stages of the second round from the Crucible, Sheffield
12.05am Weather
12.10 Open University: Arts Foundation Course – Cragside. Ends at 12.40

ITV

6.00 TV-am
9.25 Cross-Wits. Tom O'Connor returns with the crossword gameshow with celebrity guests Sue Cook and Leslie Crowther 9.55 Thames News and weather
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Topical discussion hosted by Mike Scott in London
10.40 This Morning. Magazine series presented by Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan
12.10 Rosie and Jim. For the very young (r)
12.30 News with John Suchet. Weather 1.10 Thames News and weather
1.20 Home and Away 1.50 A Country Practice. Australian drama set in a rural health centre
2.20 Thames Help. Jackie Spreckley previews the week's programmes which are on the subject of stress
2.50 Win, Lose or Draw. Danny Baker hosts a new series of fast-moving charade games in which celebrities must draw well-known words and phrases. The guests are Pauline Quirke, Linda Robson, Peter Duncan and Peter Simon



Drawing on words and phrases: Peter Duncan (2.50pm)

3.15 ITN News headlines 3.20 Thames News headlines 3.25 Families. Soap set in the north of England and Australia
3.55 Wowser 4.10 Cartoon 4.20 Krankies Television. More comic chaos in the television station run by Ian and Jimmy Krankie 4.45 Count Duckula. Cartoon about a vampire duck (r)
5.10 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz for teenagers
5.40 News with Carol Barnes. (Oracle) Weather
5.55 Thames Help. Jackie Spreckley looks at problem of stress caused by life in the capital
6.00 Home and Away (r)
6.30 Thames News and weather
7.00 The Cook Report. Roger Cook confronts the "Mr Big" behind the trail of stolen works of art
7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle)
8.00 The Upper Hand. Mediocre sitcom starring Joe McGann as a burly ex-footballer playing housekeeper to a successful businesswoman (Diana Weston). (Oracle)
8.30 World in Action: The Ghost Train. Second part of the investigation into allegations of brutality in British prisons. Andy Bell reveals that the use of solitary confinement as a punishment can have alarming effects on the mental stability of prisoners
9.00 Film: Disaster at Silo 7 (1988). Average made-for-television dramatisation of a real near-nuclear disaster in the midwest. Michael O'Keefe, Patricia Charbonneau and Dennis Weaver star as panic strikes when a routine maintenance check punctures a missile fuel tank in Silo Seven of an Air Force installation. Directed by Larry Elikan (continues after the news)
10.00 A Party Election Broadcast by the Liberal Democrats
10.10 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Alastair Stewart. (Oracle) Weather 10.40 Thames News
10.50 Film: Disaster at Silo 7 continued
11.35 Breadline Britain: No Place Like Home. Fourth in the series on the plight of the poor, looking at housing and the homeless
12.05am The New Avengers. Offbeat special agent series starring Patrick Macnee, Joanna Lumley and Gareth Hunt (r)
1.00 Sportsworld Extra. Coverage of the final stages of the Skol Champions' Darts Challenge from the Lakeside Club, Frimley, where every player is or has been a world champion
2.00 Film: The Masquerader (1933). A double case of impersonation starring Ronald Colman as a struggling writer and a drug-addicted member of Parliament who discover they are identical in appearance. In the ensuing masquerade, the real MP escapes the public eye while the fraudster takes to the part rather too convincingly. With Elissa Landi, Juliette Compton and Halliwell Hobbes. Directed by Richard Wallace
3.30 The Twilight Zone. A surreal journey beyond time, space and the imagination starring Tony Lo Bianco as the father of a comatose girl who becomes drawn to a strange apparition (r)
4.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: Specialty of the House. John Saxon stars as influential but merciless food critic Garth December whose greatest pleasure is chewing up and spitting out restaurant owners (r)
4.30 Bedrock. Featuring singer/songwriter Tom Robinson
5.30 ITN Morning News with Phil Norman. Ends at 6.00am

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Channel Four Daily
12.00 Dig. A repeat of Friday's edition in this series aimed at persuading younger viewers to take up green-fingered pursuits. (Teletext)
12.30 Business Daily presented by Susannah Simons
1.00 Sesame Street. Enjoyable *Muppets*-inspired learning programme for pre-school children
2.00 Right to Reply. John Wilis, C4's deputy director of programmes, defends the *Banned* season (r) (Teletext)
2.30 Film: Quiet Weekend (1946, b/w). A sequel to the wonderful 1941 British comedy *Quiet Wedding* which has the Royds (George Thorpe and Marjorie Fielding) taking a cottage in the country for a relaxing weekend and are then dismayed when their son (Derek Farr) invites his troublesome girlfriend (Helen Shingler) Directed by Harold French
4.10 Film: Hold That Lion (1947, b/w): The Three Stooges try to catch a thief and end up on a speeding train locked up with a huge lion
4.30 Fifteen-to-One. Quick-fire quiz hosted by William G. Stewart
5.00 The Late Late Show. Lively and topical magazine programme from Dublin hosted by Gay Byrne
6.00 The Cosby Show: Theo's Flight. American sitcom with the Huxtable family (r)
6.30 Tonight with Jonathan Ross. The guests are the controversial New Yorker, the Rev Al Sharpton, and singer Sandie Shaw
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi (Teletext) Weather
8.00 Brookside. Drama from the Liverpudlian close. (Teletext)
8.30 My Two Dads: Love and Learn. Dreary American sitcom about two single men who inherit a daughter



Low-key: private detective Stephen McLoughlin (9.00pm)

9.00 Watching the Detectives: Steve McLoughlin.
● CHOICE:The job of private eye is by definition American, and, if not glamorous, dripping with atmosphere – bars, rain-slicked streets, the up-turned collar. The clichés of 40 years still persist Stephen McLoughlin, a private detective in Manchester, is first to admit that there is little romance about work that consists mostly of process serving, repossession and – the big one – the Kitchen Case, in which units exclusive to one retailer turn up half-price elsewhere. Some moody photography tries to redress the balance, but essentially the streets that McLoughlin operates on are just plain mean, full of one-way systems that make taking a suspect near-farcical. Everyone apologises too much for not being more glamorous. In fact, McLoughlin's world is fascinating in its low-key way. He charges £17 a hour "Some people think that's expensive, but I pay more to have my car serviced " (Teletext)
10.00 E.N.G. The title stands for Electronic News Gathering and this new drama series from Canada follows the lives of a tough news team from Channel 10, a major independent station in gritty downtown Toronto In this opening episode, Jake (Mark Humphrey) and his reporter colleague Dan Watson (Karl Pruner) cover an armed robbery but arrive at the scene before the police. Jake is taken hostage and suggests the robbers, now under siege, film their demands and broadcast them live. Ann (Sara Botsford) and her team at the station must then decide whether to give those robbers airtime. (Teletext) (see also *Law and Order* on BBC1)
11.00 Satyajit Ray.
● CHOICE: The Forties Italian neo realist movement was a major influence on world cinema for more than 20 years – Hollywood, the French New Wave and the British Free Cinema all owed their debts – and as a result films became more flexible and immediate in their response to situations. Neo realism also influenced Satyajit Ray, India's foremost director. Although he was well schooled in Hollywood cinema and admired its craft, it was *Bicycle Thieves*, with its everyday locations and non-actors, that showed him how to direct his own first film, *Pather Panchali* In an extended interview – which prefaces a season of his films – Ray talks about his early days as an illustrator of books, and how he used that skill in preparation for that first film, which, he says, never really had a script, took two and a half years to make, because of lack of funds, and was then cut in ten days because of a deadline
1.00am When the Dog Bites. A drama-documentary focusing on the town and people of Consett, Co Durham, once hailed as an example of the ruinous effects of industrial decline and now cited as a model of the way aid may re-industrialise and revive a region Ends at 1.55

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 2.20pm-3.15 Monte Carlo 5.10-5.40 Tell the Truth 6.25-7.00 Anglia News 12.05 Kiss Me ... Kill Me 1.15 Sportsworld Extra 2.15 The Law and Harry McGraw 3.10 The ITV Chart Show 4.05 60 Minutes 5.00-5.30 Pick of the Week

BORDER
As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Lookaround Monday 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road 12.05 Bigfoot: The Original Monster Truck 12.45 Film: The Lonely Profession 2.30 America's Top Ten 3.00 Pick of the Week 3.30 Special Fantasy Stars 4.25 The Hit Man and Her 5.20-5.30 Jobfinder

CENTRAL
As London except: 2.25pm-3.15 Monte Carlo 5.10-5.40 Gardening Time 6.25-7.00 Central News 12.05 Prisoner: Cell Block H 1.00 Santa Barbara 1.50 Wrestling 2.45 Entertainment UK 3.45 Profile 4.05-5.30 Central Jobfinder '91

GRANADA
As London except: 1.50pm Graham Kerr 2.20-2.50 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 The Munsters Today 6.30-7.00 Granada Tonight 9.00-10.00 The Equalizer 10.50 Open Eye 11.20 Breadline Britain 11.50 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.45 Film: The Lonely Profession 2.30 America's Top Ten 3.00 Pick of the Week 3.30 Special Fantasy Stars 4.25 The Hit Man and Her 5.20-5.30 Jobfinder

HTV WEST
As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 HTV News 6.35-7.00 What's On 12.05 David Frost's Caribbean Trivial Pursuit 1.00 Sportsworld Extra 2.00 Film: The Masquerader 3.50 The Twilight Zone 4.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 4.30-5.30 Bedrock

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00pm Wales at Six 6.30-7.00 Primetime

TSW
As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 An Invitation to Remember: Bernard Miles 3.25-3.55 Home and Away 5.10-5.40 Families 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Wild About the West 12.05 Jack Thompson Down Under 12.45 Film: The Lonely Profession 2.30 America's Top Ten 3.00 Pick of the Week 3.30 Special Fantasy Stars 4.25 The Hit Man and Her 5.20-5.30 TSW Jobfinder

TVS
As London except: 1.50pm Simply the Best 2.20-2.50 Coast to Coast People 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 It's a Dog's Life 12.05 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 12.35-1.00 Dirty Dancing 2.05 The Concert 3.05 Film: King's Solomon's Treasure 4.45 Night Gallery 5.00-5.30 Countryside Close

TYNE TEES
As London except: 2.50pm-3.15 Northern Life Review 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 World of Golf 12.05 Kaths and Dog 12.40 Heart of the Country 12.45 Film: The Lonely Profession 2.30 America's Top Ten 3.00 Pick of the Week 3.35 Special Fantasy Stars 4.25 Night Beat 5.20-5.30 Jobfinder

ULSTER
As London except: 2.45pm-3.15 Kitchen Garden 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Six Tonight 6.30-7.00 Ask Anne 12.05 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 12.35 Pop Profile 12.50 Film: The Lonely Profession 2.30 America's Top Ten 3.00 Pick of the Week 3.30 Special Fantasy Stars 4.25 to 5.20 The Hit Man and Her

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 2.00pm-2.50 Max Bygraves Singalongaseryears 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 It's a Vet's Life 12.05 Prisoner: Cell Block H 1.00 Film: The Criminal" 2.50 Trans World Sport 3.50 Music Box 4.20 Music Box Profile 4.50-5.30 Jobfinder

S4C
Starts: 6.00am C4 Daily 9.25 Schools 12.00 Sbectel 12.10 Pobol y Cwm 12.30 Newyddion 12.40 Stot Meithrin 1.00 Fifteen to One 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 Great British Isles 2.30 Film: Mad About Men 4.00 Different World 4.30 Stot 23 5.15 Brookside 5.45 Hano 6.00 Newyddion 6.10 Hano 6.40 Pobol y Cwm 7.00 Dinas 7.30 Sgorio 8.30 Newyddion 8.56 Y Byd Ar Bechwr 9.30 Smocer 10.05 thirtysomething 11.00 Banned: The Information War 11.30 Banned: The Joke 1.00 When the Dog Bites

RTE 1
Starts: 1.00pm News 1.40 Delia Smith's Cookery Course 2.05 The Love Boat 3.00 Live at Three 4.00 News followed by Highdays and Holidays 4.30 Carson's Law 5.15 288 Useful Ideas from Japan 5.30 A Country Practice 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 News 7.00 Up and Running 7.30 The Pure Drop 8.00 Tex Avery Cartoon 8.05 The Young Riders 9.00 News 9.30 Twin Peaks 10.20 Questions and Answers 11.25 News

NETWORK 2
Starts: 2.40pm Bosco 3.00 The Den 6.25 Home and Away 6.55 Nuecht 7.00 Coach 7.30 Coronation Street 8.00 News followed by Italian Soccer 9.00 The Golden Girls 9.30 News followed by GPA Dublin International Piano Competitin 10.30 The Broken Doll 11.10 News 11.35 Close

SKYSERVE

SKY ONE
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am The DJ Kat Show 8.35 Mrs Pepperpot 8.45 Panel Pot Pourri 10.00 The Lucy Show 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 The Bold and the Beautiful 11.30 The Young and the Restless 12.30pm Sale of the Century 1.00 True Confessions 1.30 Another World 2.20 Santa Barbara 2.45 Wife of the Week 3.15 Bewitched 3.45 The DJ Kat Show 5.00 Punky Brewster 5.30 Michele's Navy 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 Sale of the Century 7.00 Love at First Sight 7.30 At 8.00 Rocks: The Next Generation. Second of a seven-part mini series 10.00 Love at First Sight 10.30 Anything for Money 11.00 Hill Street Blues 12.00 The Outer Limits 1.00am Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
News on the hour.
5.00am Newswatch 6.00 Sunrise 9.30 Health Circuit 10.30 Those Were the Days 11.00 International Business Report 11.30 Dayline 12.30pm NBC Today 1.30 CBS News 2.30 Parliament Live 3.30 Parliament Live 4.30 Beyond 2000 5.00 Live at Five 8.30 Newsline 8.30 Beyond 2000 9.00 Liberal Democrats Party Political Broadcast 10.30 Newsline 11.30 NBC News 12.30am CBS News 1.30 NBC News 2.30 CBS News 3.30 NBC News 4.30 Beyond 2000

SKY MOVIES+
● Via the Astra satellite.
6.00am Showcase
10.00 WW and the Dibbs Dance Kings (1975): Burt Reynolds steals from gas stations in order to finance an all-female country-and-western band
12.00 Les Patterson Saves the World (1987): The Australian cultural attaché (Barry Humphries) discovers a plot to destabilise the West
2.00pm I Will Fight No More Forever (1975): Western drama in which the US cavalry try to stop the Nez Perce Indian tribe from finding refuge in Canada
4.00 The Return of the Incredible Hulk (1988): Starring Bill Bixby and Lou Ferrigno
6.00 The Lighthorsemen (1988): The Australian special mounted cavalry fight the Turks in Palestine during the first world war
8.00 Moving (1988): Richard Pryor endeavours to move house, with comic results
9.40 UK Top Ten

SKY SPORTS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
11.00am Monte Carlo Open Tennis 1.00pm Formula 1 Grand Prix of San Marino 3.00 Live Test Match Cricket 11.00 Rugby League Challenge Cup Final 1.00am Superbouts

EUROSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite.
5.30am Newswatch 5.30 Sunrise 8.00 DJ Kat Show 7.30 Eurobics 8.00 Ice Hockey World Championships 10.00 Martial Arts Festival 10.30 Eurobics 11.00 Grand Prix Selling 12.00 Formula 1 Grand Prix of San Marino 2.00pm The Game of Billions 3.00 Ice Hockey World Championships 5.00 Rodeo 6.00 Big Wheels 6.30 Eurosport News 7.00 NHL Ice Hockey 8.00 Superbouts 9.00 Ice Hockey World Championships 11.00 Australian Rules Football 12.00 Eurosport News 12.30am Cricket

SCREENSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am Powersports International 8.00 NBA Basketball 10.00 Stop-Motl and Monsters 11.00 US Pro Ski Tour Slalom 11.45 Tenpin Bowling 1.00pm International Cycling 1.30 Rallycross 2.30 Action Auto 3.00 Tenpin Bowling 3.30 Stop-USWA Wrestling 4.30 Cycling 6.00 Go 7.00 Ice Racing 7.30 Spanish Football 8.00 Fight Night at the Forum 9.30 Tenpin Bowling 10.00 Volvo PGA European Golf Tour 11.00 French Rugby League 12.30am Cycling

LIFESTYLE
● Via the Astra satellite.
10.00am The Great American Gameshows 11.15 Coffee Break 11.20 Everyday Workout 11.50 Slim Cooking 12.15pm Sally Jessy Raphael 1.05 What's Cooking 1.10 Search for Tomorrow 1.35 The Edge of Night 2.00 Divorce Court 2.25 It's Your Lifestyle 2.35 The David Niven Show 3.05 Rafferty's Rules 3.55 Tea Break 4.05 Phyllis 4.35 The Great American Gameshows 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Channel 8.00 Close 10.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Channel 12.00 Satellite Jukebox

MTV
● Via the Astra satellite.
Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

RADIO 3

6.35-6.55am Open University (FM only): An Enlightened Historian – Edward Gibbon
6.55 Weather; News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Glinka (Spanish Overture No 1: Dresden State Orchestra under Marriner); Kreisler (Praeludium and Allegro: Oscar Shumsky, violin, Milton Kaye, piano); Warlock (Capriol Suite: Bournemouth SO under George Hurst)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Schubert (Overture in C, in the Italian Style: Stockholm Sinfonietta under Neeme Järvi); Mozart (Selection from Così fan tutte arranged for wind by J.N. Wendt: Maurice Bourgue Wind Band); Britten (Suite, Death in Venice: English Chamber Orchestra under Steuart Bedford)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Gesualdo and Victoria: Music in honour of the Virgin performed by Tallis Scholars under Peter Phillips and Westminster Cathedral Choir under David Hill. Gesualdo (Ave, dulcissima Maria; Ave Regina coelorum); Victoria (Missa Ave Maris Stella); Gesualdo (Precibus et meritis; Maria, mater gratiae); Victoria (Two settings of Ave Maris)
9.35 Morning Sequence: Schubert, orch Webern (Six German Dances, D 820: RIAS SO under Matthias Barnert); Schoenberg (Three German Folk Songs: BBC Singers under Pierre Boulez); Hummel (Quintet in E flat, Op 87: Schuberl Ensemble); Glazunov (Violin Concerto, Op 82: USSR SO under Igor Golovichin, with Andrei Korsakov, violin); Brahms (Komm herbei, Tod. Op 17 No 2; Gesang aus Fingal, Op 17 No 4: London Symphony Chorus Women's Voices under Richard Hickox, Frank Lloyd and Stephen Stirling, horns, Rachel Masters, harp); Anthony Powers (Etudes-Tableaux. Book 1 – first broadcast: Schubert Ensemble); Schubert (Wind Octet in F, D 72: Members of Bamberg SO)
11.25 Scottish Chamber Orchestra under Paul Daniel performs James MacMillan (Tryst); Schubert (Symphony No 9 in C, Great)
1.00pm News
1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert: Live from St John's, Smith Square, London. Dmitry Sitkovetsky, violin, Dmitri Alexeev, piano, perform Shostakovich (Sonata, Op 134); Brahms (Sonata No 3 in D minor, Op 108)
2.10 Third Opinion (r)
2.55 An Alternative Beethoven Nine: The third of a nine-part series in which Lyndon Jenkins explores post-war recordings of Beethoven symphonies that have stood the test of time. Royal Philharmonic Orchestra under Thomas Beecham performs Symphony No 3, Eroica
3.55 London Baroque performs Purcell (Sonata in G minor for two violins and continuo; Suite for harpsichord No 6 in D); Handel (Trio Sonata in F, Op 5 No 6); Hellendaal (Sonata for cello and continuo, Op 5 No 7); Stanley (Harpsichord Concerto, Op 10 No 4) (r)
4.55 German Romantic Organ Music: Graham Barber plays Max Reger (O Traurigkeit, O Herzeleid); Rheinberger (Sonata in D minor No 11, Op 148)
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure, with Michael Berkeley
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear: The actress Diana Rigg talks to Paul Allen about her career in theatre, film and television
7.30 BBC Symphony Orchestra under Michael Schonwandt performs J.S. Bach (Jauchzet frohlocket, auf, preiset die Tagel, from Christmas Oratorio); Poul Rudars (Symphony)
8.15 Coull String Quartet performs Beethoven (Quartet in F minor, Op 95); Dvorák (Quartet in F, Op 96, American) (r)
9.10 Hungarian Piano Music: Peter Frankl plays Kurtág (Games, Book II – extracts); Bartók (Three Rondos); András Szöllösy (Passaggio con morti)
10.05 Spectrum: Colin Tudge talks to John Barrow, professor of astronomy at Sussex university, about physicists' desire to devise a theory to explain the material world
10.30 Mixing It, with Mark Russell and Robert Sendall
11.30 News
11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week: Prokofiev (r)
1.00-2.25 Night School (FM only) (except in Scotland)

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day (s) 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 8.35 The Week on 4
8.43 Feasting on the Archives: It Was a Zen Experience. Or so John Lennon said, as he emerged from the kitchen after baking his first loaf of bread. Celebrity chefs ponder on the mystical experience of haute cuisine (s) 8.57 Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Start the Week (s)
10.00 News; Money Box Live: 071-580 4411, from 8.30am. Vincent Duggleby takes listeners' calls on financial support for the elderly
10.30 Morning Story: The Little Heidelberg, by Isabelle Allande. Read by Diana Quick
10.45 Daily Service from the Chapel of St Catharine's Convent of Mercy, Edinburgh
11.00 News; Down Your Way: Bel Mooney takes an alternative tour of Bath (r)
11.40 Poetry Please! (s)
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Brain of Britain 1991: First Round – London. Robert Robinson chairs a nationwide general knowledge contest (s) 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.35 A Local Government Election Broadcast by the Liberal Democrats
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Subjects include feminism in the Twenties and Americans in London
3.00 News; Death Beach, by Michael McStay. Curt Zorack (Peter Vaughan), a Hollywood movie director, is implicated in the murder of a has-been actor while making a film on a Scottish island
4.30 Kaleidoscope: The Sony Radio Awards
● CHOICE: Exercising their right to withhold honours when they don't consider them to be deserved, the judges whose other decisions will be announced at today's awards ceremony in London have, in effect, returned *nul points* verdicts on two categories which, in previous years, have enjoyed considerable prestige status: best radio reporter of the year, and best classical music programme. This has sparked a cat-among-the-pigeons controveray, and the feathers won't all have fluttered to earth by the time Michael Aspel opens the proceedings at the Grosvenor House Hotel (s)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
6.30 The News Quiz (s) (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: The Peacock's Tail
● CHOICE: Mark Barratt makes an auspicious début as radio dramatist with this account of the rise and fall of Paracelsus, the 16th century Swiss physician. Having promoted him from market-place miracle man to university professor, Barratt moves Parcelsus out of the cockpit of well-documented medical controversy into the speculative realms of his experimental alchemy, and the philosopher's stone proves a rewarding vantage point from which to view gold, like gunpowder, as both blessing and curse. Alan Howard has the measure of Paracelsus's trailblazing dynamism (s)
9.00 Fine Arts Brass: The chamber ensemble plays the lighter side of its repertoire (s)
9.15 Kaleidoscope (s) (broadcast at 4.30pm)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight (s) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: An Autumn Sowing, by E.F. Benson (6 of 10) (s)
11.00 Flying the Flag: A Loss of Marbles. The third of a six-part wry observation of East-West diplomacy, written by Alex Shearer (s) (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m;FM-97.6-99.8. Radio 2: FM-88-90.2. Radio 3: 1215kHz/ 247m; FM-90-92.4. Radio 4: 198kHz/1515m;FM-92.4-94.6. Radio 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. World Service: MW 648kHz/463m. Jazz FM 102.2. LBC: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. Capital: 1548kHz/194m; FM 95.8. GLR: 1458kHz/206m; FM 94.9; Melody FM 104.9.

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 5.00am Gary King 6.30 Simon Mayo. 9.00 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Gary Davies 3.00 Steve Wright in the Afternoon 5.30 News '91 6.00 Jakki Brambles 7.30 Mark Goodier's Evening Session 9.00 Out on Blue Six 10.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00-2.00am Bob Harris

RADIO 2

FM Stereo 4.00am Alex Lester 6.00 Ken Bruce 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Judith Chalmers 11.00 Brian Hayes 1.05pm David Jacobs 2.00 Gloria Hunniford 4.00 Jimmy Tarbuck 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 The Great Musicals: West Side Story 7.45 Pavarotti: A celebration of Luciano Pavarotti's 30-year career, live from the Rompio Vatl Opera House, Reggio Emilia, Italy 10.00 Alan Dell with Dance Band Days 10.30 Big Band Special 11.00 Humphrey Lyttelton with the Best of Jazz 12.05am Jazz Parade 12.35 Steve Madden with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service: News and 24 Hours 6.30am Morning Edition, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News; Sport 9.00 Schools 10.25 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 10.40 This Family Business, incl 11.00, 12.00 News; Sport 12.30pm Learn to Earn 1.00 News; Sport 1.05 As Radio 3 2.00 News; Sport 2.05pm 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (r) 2.30 World Service. World Report 2.45 Personal View 3.00 News; Sport 3.05 Outlook 3.30 What Happened to the Revolution? 4.00 News; Sport 4.05 Science in Action 4.35 Five Aside 7.20 My Best Friend, by Sheila Lavelle (1 of 5) 7.35 The Sea is Singing, by Rosalind Kerven 8.05 Talking History: The golden age of British cinema (r) 8.20 Megamix 8.50 Fanshawe on Five 9.30 Come to Macao: Free Dinners. The last of three plays by Farrukh Dhondy 10.00 News, Sport 10.10 The Mix, incl 11.00 Sport 12.00-12.10am News, Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. 5.00am Morgenmagazin 5.30 Letter from America 5.45 News Headlines in English and French 5.47 British Press Review 5.52 The Week Ahead 5.57 Travel and Weather News 6.00 News 6.09 24 Hours 6.30 Londres Matin 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 What is Democracy? 8.00 News 8.09 24 Hours 8.30 The New Wind of Change in Africa 9.00 News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.15 Health Matters 9.30 Anything Goes 10.00 News 10.09 World Business Report 10.15 The Learning World 10.30 Andy Kershaw's World of Music 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.01 What is Democracy? 11.30 Londres Midi 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30am Composer of the Month: Elgar 1.00 News 1.09 News About Britain 1.15 Brain of Britain 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Off the Shelf: The Turn of the Screw 3.45 They Made Our World: Lord Ernest Rutherford 3.55 Words 4.00 News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Heute Aktuell 5.00 News 5.15 BBC English 5.30 Londres Soir 5.14 The World Today 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 German Features 7.54 News in German 8.00 News 8.09 World Business Report 8.15 Londres Demière 8.30 They Made Our World 8.40 Words 8.45

Britain and France head for defence showdown

From GEORGE BROCK IN MONDORF-LES-BAINS, LUXEMBOURG

BRITAIN and France, close partners in the military operation to protect Kurdish refugees in Iraq, remained deadlocked yesterday over Europe's future defence. Most European Community countries, led by France, want the new treaty to commit the EC to acquire its own fighting forces in the long term.

Britain and a minority oppose that approach, and rearranging the alphabet soup of Western military alliances has turned into a divisive issue inside the conference rewriting the EC treaty this year.

President Mitterrand said last week that the German government supported a mention of a future defence community in the new treaty. Roland Dumas, the French foreign minister, said at the weekend that, aside from the neutral Irish Republic, the community was split 8-3 over future defence. The dissenters are Britain, The Netherlands and Portugal.

British officials are increasingly convinced that a showdown with France cannot be avoided on this issue. "We simply cannot see eye-to-eye on this," said a senior Foreign Office official.

France also supports extending majority voting into foreign and defence questions inside the EC, the single proposal most opposed by London. If the treaty strengthens the role of the Western European Union (WEU), which groups nine countries in both Nato and the EC, the way would be paved for the EC to acquire a ready-made military machine by swallowing the WEU in the late 1990s. Britain and the Dutch argue this would weaken Nato by excluding America from decision-making. America has said that a future president might then remove all US troops from Europe.

Britain has argued that no political will exists ine the community to pay for autonomous defence. But Britain is ready to strengthen the WEU, if it is balanced between the community and Nato and military matters are out of EC hands.

Labour on the attack over cuts

By MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

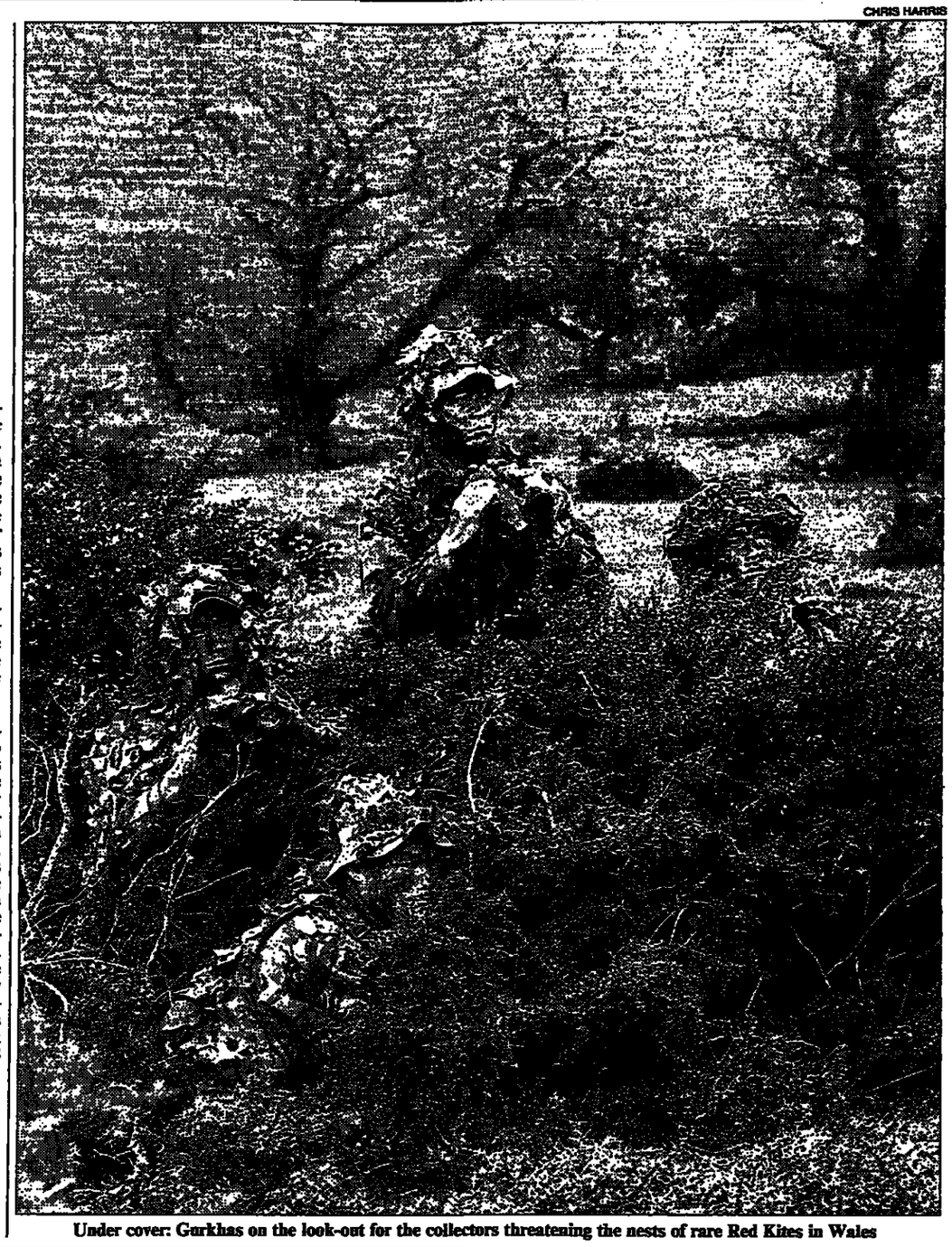
THE government is to face tough opposition questioning this week over its defence commitments following increasing evidence that the Treasury and defence ministry are at loggerheads over how to meet the bills.

After a series of cuts and cancellations, announced piecemeal, since the government's "options for change" defence statement last year, defence officials are believed to be preparing a list of "major items" which will have to be removed from the equipment programme. Long-standing commitments may also be vulnerable.

Yesterday Martin O'Neill, Labour spokesman on defence, said the accusation of "dithering" which had been laid against John Major's government was never truer than in the area of defence policy. "No one seems to know what to do and the impression is that they are hiding behind the excuse of examining the aftermath of the Gulf war to avoid having to make decisions," he said.

Tomorrow during defence questions in the Commons, and on Thursday during the RAF debate, Labour will demand to know what the government plans to do, hoping to expose the apparent confusion.

CHRIS HARRIS



Under cover: Gurkhas on the look-out for the collectors threatening the nests of rare Red Kites in Wales

Gurkhas called in to save Red Kites

By PAUL WILKINSON

GURKHAS who struck terror into the hearts of the stoutest Argentine soldiers in the Falklands with apocryphal tales of what they did with their kukris are hoping to instil the same fears in the minds of potential egg thieves.

Men from the army school of infantry in Dering Lines Barracks at Brecon in Powys have been called in by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds to protect the nests of rare Red Kites in the surrounding hills. Teams from the 2nd Battalion of the 2nd King Edward VII's Own Gurkha Rifles are being deployed in the hills with emergency rations to bivouac overnight and deter poachers. Unscrupulous egg collectors have already raided some sites, and four nests near Lampeter in Dyfed have been wrecked.

The society says that its resources are too stretched to protect all the known sites of the remaining 62 pairs of Red Kite left in this country. Weekends are known to be an active time for egg thieves and the next few days are crucial for hen birds brooding on nests.

The soldiers are regarded as experts in open country warfare and are renowned for their fierce fighting skills. By tradition, Gurkhas have to draw blood if they ever take out the kukri they always carry. An army spokesman in Brecon said: "When we asked for volunteers for this operation the Gurkhas wanted to help. They are already on the mountains and people who have approached nests have been deterred by seeing troops suddenly appear to warn them off. They have no powers of arrest but their presence near the nesting sites is proving an excellent deterrent."

John Gower, of the RSPB, said: "We are combating professional egg collectors. Some collectors are pathological, so it makes sense to use the best surveillance people."

Five-day queue hits aid for Kurds

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Nairobi-based co-ordinator of Operation Lifeline Sudan, 60 per cent of child deaths in the Ethiopian and Eritrean famine of 1985 and 1986 were caused by measles epidemics similar to that gathering momentum in the Iraqi-Turkish mountain camps. Unicef is hoping to get 80,000 measles vaccines over the border later this week.

"What are needed most apart from vaccination programmes are oral rehydration units and basic essential drugs, yet we have the ridiculous sight of scarce helicopter space being used to transport second-hand clothes which are then left in piles by the refugees who have no need of them," he said.

Mr O'Reilly and other aid workers claim that little or no research has been done one month after the crisis began to assess the priorities of the refugees. Most are Muslims who eat no pork, yet many of the lorries at Silopi were carrying US military meals containing pork products.

Among the tens of thousands of boxes destined for the mountains there were those of pork sausage, omelette with bacon pieces, ham slices and apple sauce and eggs and ham, all of which are likely to be rejected on religious grounds.

In many of the camps, huge piles of rotting potatoes can be seen and in one the refugees are reported to have gone on hunger strike against the food they are being offered.

"No one seems to have realised that potatoes are regarded by Iraqi Kurds as food fit only for beggars," Mr O'Reilly said. "They are culturally unacceptable and are being rejected."

Unexpectedly, journalists have been banned from the Turkish-run tent camp at Silopi where many of the 20,000 Kurds brought down from the mountains in coal lorries are reported by relatives to have begun a protest against the food they have been offered.

Defiant dissident fights to clear his name



Kavan: refused to accept dagger

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returned home as a vigorous supporter of Civic Forum, taking charge of relations with the foreign press. He was elected an MP, "the vindication of my whole political career". One of the new parliament's decisions was to set up a commission with a vague brief to root out informers, former STB secret police and members of parliament who were concealing their past.

During its investigation of the STB files, the commission came across Kavan's name. As a leader of the 500 Czechoslovak students in London between 1968 and 1970, he had held regular meetings with a Mr Zajicek, an education attaché at the embassy, as he freely admits. What he did not know was that the attaché, a former Dubcek supporter, was eager to ingratiate himself with the new hardliners, and wrote memoranda to the STB suggesting that he had persuaded Kavan to "co-operate". He sent various reports detailing contacts.

This, at least, is what Kavan believes to be the gist of the voluminous STB files. He has not been allowed access to them, nor was given any warning that his name had popped up. Instead, Parliament announced in a live television broadcast on March 22 that Kavan was one of 10 MPs found to have collaborated with the secret police.

Kavan refuses to resign. It would, he says, be immediately seen as an admission of guilt. Joseph K was also offered a dagger which he refused to accept. Instead, he demands the right to defend himself in court. "Where we were hoping the velvet revolution would be different from all others is that it would pay particular respect to human rights." Meanwhile, he has given up his parliamentary salary. But with controlled passion he adds: "My political career means nothing. But my name does. I joined politics because of my anger at injustice. To resign would be telling my voters: 'I've lied to you'."

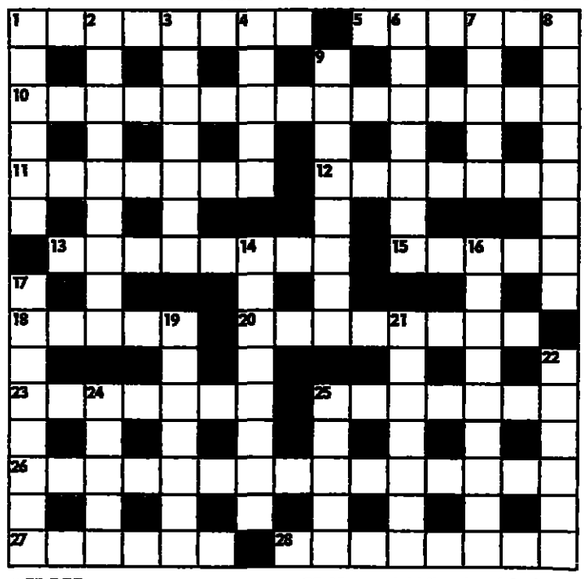
His "case" has provoked a world outcry: dozens of MPs, former dissidents and East European specialists have sprung to his defence. Senator Paul Simon, chairman of the US Foreign Relations Committee, has written to President Havel saying "these are not the workings of democracy," and have "begun to tarnish the good image of Czechoslovakia."

THE TIMES ON TUESDAY

Shakespeare revisited: when the Bard arrived in London, he was on his way to fame and fortune. The theatrical career of Kevin Shakespeare is proving more difficult. Whereas Will knew his Roman literature and much else besides, Kevin had to contend with comprehensive education. But, via the stage of the Dog and Ferret, Dollis Hill, the young Mr S now has an office at Television Centre

Once bitten: in National Pet Week, Leilah Farrah argues that the victims of attacks by uncontrolled dogs should have a new right to legal redress

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,592



ACROSS

1 One residing in centre of Chatham has a servant (8).
5 Ludicrous descent of bishop, a short man (6).
10 Trouble for both King Charles's honoured gentlemen (7,8).
11 Single aquatic bird circling first signs of effluent on an Arctic coast (3-4).
12 Bed turned back, say, at this humble dwelling (7).
13 Released several imprisoned in a South African gold-field (8).
15 Woman discussing beauty treatment here (5).
18 Not prepared to be a politician today (2,3).
20 Heroic story by London, for example, showing foresight (8).
23 Student in straw hat cured swimmer (7).
25 No good hiding in nightshade, might this animal think? (7).
26 Mischievous sprite said to be stealin' from a boon companion (5,10).
27 Sent son off with the diamonds as decoy (6).
28 One using stratagem to split up retreating soldiers? (8).

DOWN

1 Reduce in size and cheat (4,2).
2 Health will largely suffer in this administrative centre (9).
3 Lots of fish devotees (7).
4 In a way, directions are an advantage (5).
6 Close friend giving a talk on French art (7).
7 Game makes a girl hot-headed (5).
8 In one of the services he used to conduct for listeners (8).
9 Guard at church party held in the outskirts of Woking (5-3).
14 Growth of sentimentality upset Othello, for one (8).
16 Last-minute recovery benefiting investors on the side (9).
17 Jeer wildly when pulpit is installed for a celebration (8).
19 Relating to 22s in Cabot's wanderings (7).
21 Clot beginning to embrace during dance with student (7).
22 Bloomer common in send-up of judge (6).
24 Gold piece in circulation? (5).
25 A pert young woman's frenzied twelve hours (5).

PARKER DUOFOLD

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 18,591 will appear next Saturday. The 5 winners will receive a Duofold fountain pen supplied by Parker

This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 41 per cent of the competitors at the 1991 Birmingham regional final of The Times Collins Dictionaries Crossword Championship.

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

POME
a. An ecclesiastical hand-warmer
b. Fortified applejack
c. A saddle flap

ANALECTS
a. Variant dialects
b. Literary fragments
c. Reading monks

FILIATION
a. Parentage
b. Plaiting with thread
c. Getting something into line

ANTONOMASIA
a. Use of title for name
b. Panning
c. Saying th for s

Answers on page 18, column 1

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Concise Crossword, page 17

WEATHER

Rain, some heavy in places, will spread east across Northern Ireland, Wales and western England. Central England will be bright this morning but rain is likely later today. Eastern England will be bright or sunny, with light showers near eastern coasts this afternoon. Scotland will be mostly dry and bright, with perhaps some patchy rain in the southwest. Temperatures around normal. Rather breezy in the north and west. Outlook: Rain gradually dying out, but eastern and southeastern England will have patchy showers.

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; f=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	16	61	s	Majorca	18	64	f
Akrotiri	24	75	s	Malaga	23	73	s
Alex'dria	24	75	s	Malta	19	66	f
Algiers	20	68	f	Melb'rne	15	59	f
Amst'dm	11	52	s	Miami*	31	88	s
Athens	19	66	c	Milan	14	57	f
Bahrain	30	86	s	Montreal*	14	57	s
Barcelna	14	57	d	Moscow	9	48	c
Belgrade	16	61	f	Munich	16	61	s
Berlin	15	59	s	Nairobi	28	82	f
Bermuda*	23	73	s	Naples	18	61	f
Biarritz	13	55	c	N Delhi	36	97	s
Borda'x	14	57	c	N York*	23	73	s
Brussels	11	52	f	Nice	15	59	t
Budapst	13	55	c	Oslo	12	54	s
B Aires*	24	75	s	Paris	14	57	s
Cairo	33	91	c	Peking	20	68	s
Cape Tn	18	64	s	Perth	22	72	s
C'blanca	19	66	c	Prague	14	57	f
Chicago*	18	66	c	Reykjavik	3	37	c
Ch'church	9	48	r	Rhodes	23	73	f
Cologne	13	55	s	Rio de J	24	75	s
C'phagn	7	45	f	Riyadh	34	93	s
Corfu	19	66	f	Rome	16	61	s
Dublin	10	50	c	Salzburg	15	59	f
Dubrovnik	15	59	s	S F'risco*	16	61	s
Faro	19	66	f	Santiago*	17	63	f
Florence	14	57	f	S Paulo*	22	72	c
Frankfurt	14	57	f	Seoul	20	68	s
Funchal	17	63	c	Sing'por	32	90	c
Geneva	8	46	c	St'kholm	11	52	s
Gibraltar	18	64	c	Strasb'rg	12	54	s
Helsinki	5	41	c	Sydney	18	64	s
Hong K	27	81	c	Tangier	17	63	c
Innsbruck	16	61	f	Tel Aviv	22	72	s
Istanbul	25	77	s	Tenerife	19	66	c
Jeddah	34	93	s	Tokyo	20	68	c
Jo'burg*	23	73	s	Toronto*	20	68	f
Karachi	28	82	s	Tunis	17	63	f
L Palmas	20	68	f	Valencia	18	64	f
Le Touet	13	55	s	Venc'ver*	11	52	f
Lisbon	17	63	c	Venice	16	61	s
Locarno	11	52	c	Vienna	15	59	f
L Angels*	23	73	s	Warsaw	16	61	f
Luxembg	12	54	s	Wash'ton*	26	79	s
Luxor	41	106	s	Wel'ton	13	55	c
Madrid	17	63	f	Zurich	12	54	c

* denotes Saturday's figures are latest available

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.29	2.13
Austria Sch	21.65	20.25
Belgium Fr	63.70	59.70
Canada $	2.08	1.96
Denmark Kr	11.80	11.10
Finland Mkk	7.27	6.82
France Fr	10.36	9.76
Germany Dm	3.09	2.89
Greece Dr	351	311
Hong Kong $	13.76	12.75
Ireland Pt	1.56	1.066
Italy Lira	2265	2145
Japan Yen	248.50	231.50
Netherlands Gld	3.47	3.26
Norway Kr	11.59	11.29
Portugal Esc	255.50	247.50
South Africa Rd	5.55	4.95
Spain Pta	189.50	178.50
Sweden Kr	11.03	10.35
Switzerland Fr	2.595	2.455
Turkey Lira	7150	6350
USA $	2.595	2.425
Yugoslavia Dnr	47	31

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GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 13C (55F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 2C (36). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 3.7 hr.

AREA FORECASTS

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	11.7	-	10	50	sunny
Anglesey	11.7	-	15	59	sunny
Aviemore	12.8	-	13	55	sunny
Belfast	8.6	-	13	55	sunny
Birmingham	9.0	-	14	57	sunny
Blackpool	11.3	-	15	59	sunny
Bognor Regis	8.0	.02	14	57	bright
Bournemouth	10.4	-	14	57	sunny
Brighton	9.8	-	15	59	sunny
Bristol	7.3	-	15	59	bright
Buxton	9.6	-	11	52	sunny
Cardiff	10.3	-	14	57	sunny
Douglas	10.8	-	11	52	sunny
Edinburgh	12.5	-	15	59	sunny
Eskdalemuir	11.4	-	12	54	sunny
Exmouth	10.7	-	10	50	sunny
Falmouth	10.5	-	12	54	sunny
Folkestone	11.4	-	13	55	sunny
Glasgow	3.2	-	15	59	bright
Guernsey	10.8	-	13	55	sunny
Jersey	9.3	-	15	59	sunny
Kinloss	13.3	-	15	59	sunny
Leeds	8.0	-	12	54	sunny
Lerwick	11.9	-	9	48	sunny
Littlehampton	6.2	-	15	59	sunny
Penzance	10.8	-	13	55	sunny
Plymouth	12.1	-	x	x	sunny
Poole	10.8	-	15	59	sunny
Sandown	5.4	-	14	57	bright
Scilly Isles	8.4	-	13	55	sunny
Shanklin	10.0	-	13	55	sunny
Southend	6.1	-	11	52	sunny
St. Ives	11.9	-	14	57	sunny
Stornoway	13.2	-	13	55	sunny
Tiree	7.0	-	12	54	bright
Torquay	6.4	-	11	52	bright
Weymouth	10.8	-	12	54	sunny
Wick	11.9	-	10	50	sunny
Worthing	7.4	-	15	69	sunny

* denotes Not Available
These are Saturday's figures

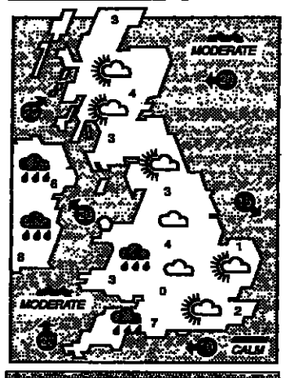
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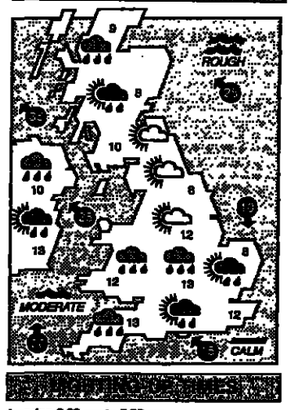
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AM



PM



Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	10	50	c	Guernsey	12	54	s
B'mgham	10	50	s	Inverness	12	54	s
Blackpool	11	52	c	Jersey	14	57	s
Bristol	12	54	s	London	12	54	s
Cardiff	12	54	s	M'chester	11	52	f
Edinburgh	9	48	f	Newcastle	9	48	r
Glasgow	11	52	c	R'ridaway	7	45	c

Saturday: Highest day temp: Saunton Sands, Devon, 16C (61F); lowest day max: Tynemouth, Tyne and Wear, 09C (48F); highest rainfall: Aberporth, Cardigan Bay, 0.04 in; highest sunshine: Kinloss, Moray Firth, 13.3 hr.

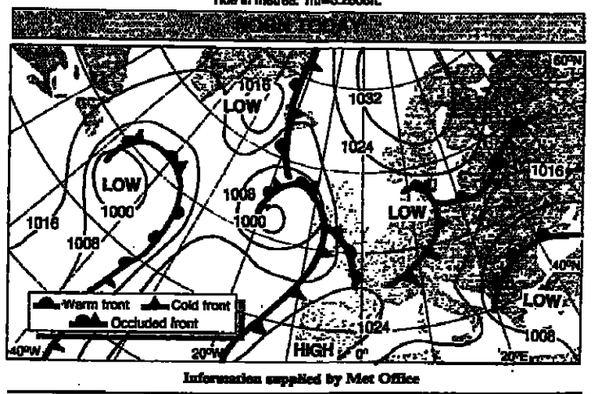
London 8.20 pm to 5.36 am
Bristol 8.29 pm to 5.45 am
Edinburgh 8.47 pm to 5.39 am
Manchester 8.34 pm to 5.38 am
Penzance 8.37 pm to 6.01 am

Sun rises: 5.37 am
Sun sets: 8.20 pm
Moon sets 6.17 am
Moon rises 9.41 pm
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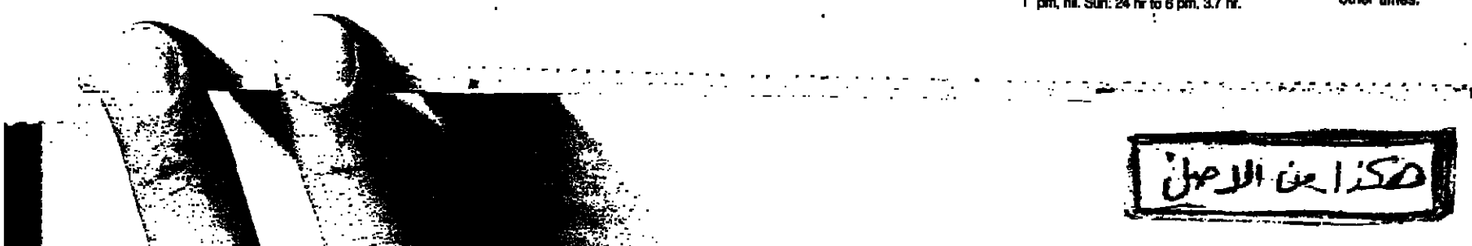
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Aberdeen	2.19	4.0	2.38	4.0	Lowestoft	10.43	2.3	10.57	2.4
Avonmouth	6.23	12.7	6.41	12.9	Margate	12.54	4.6	1.21	4.6
Belfast	12.01	3.3	12.13	3.4	Milford Haven	7.18	6.7	7.36	6.8
Cardiff	6.06	11.8	6.26	11.9	Newquay	6.06	6.7	6.26	6.8
Devonport	6.57	5.4	7.14	5.4	Oban	6.40	3.7	7.06	3.8
Dover	—	—	12.15	6.3	Penzance	6.52	5.5	6.10	5.5
Falmouth	6.27	5.2	6.44	5.2	Portland	6.06	2.0	6.31	2.1
Glasgow	1.52	4.5	1.57	4.5	Portsmouth	12.39	4.6	12.50	4.5
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Hull	7.24	7.2	7.38	7.3	Swansea	7.29	8.3	7.45	8.4
Ilfracombe	7.03	6.8	7.21	6.9	Tees	4.35	5.1	4.52	5.2
King's Lynn	7.37	6.3	7.47	6.4	Weston-on-Nas	12.35	4.1	1.00	4.0
Leith	3.32	5.3	3.55	5.4					

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MGN to be floated at 125p a share

MIRROR Group Newspapers, Robert Maxwell's publishing group, will be floated at 125p a share, which will value the company at up to £550 million, its merchant bankers decided at the weekend.

MGN's advisers will meet this morning to fix the company's dividend at between 6p and 6.3p, to put the shares on an attractive dividend yield of between 6.5 and 6.7 per cent.

Samuel Montagu, MGN's merchant banker, will also decide on the number of shares to be issued, which will determine the exact amount the flotation will raise. The bankers hope to value the company at close to £550 million, and put the shares on a price/earnings ratio of up to 10.5. The details will be announced tomorrow morning when MGN issues its prospectus.

MGN and its advisers are offering a generous dividend and a low issue price so as to ensure a strong after-market in the shares and reward Mirror Group readers who invest.

The dividend is also intended to overcome any negative press comment about Mr Maxwell and the company. The offer price means investors will be able to apply for a minimum of 200 shares for £250.

MGN is expecting a healthy response from private investors after a report from AGB, the market research company owned by Maxwell Communication Corporation. The company interviewed 1,600 people across the country and found there was good awareness of the float, particularly among MGN's readers.

The group will publish its prospectus and application form in all its newspapers, including *The Sporting Life*, on Friday and Sunday.

Allied waits for report on loss

THE fallout from a disastrous gamble on foreign exchange markets has yet to be felt fully at Allied-Lyons, the Tetley bitter to Baskin-Robbins ice cream group.

With about two weeks to go before its preliminary results are announced, the company has still not received a report from KPMG Peat Marwick McLintock, the accountant investigating the £150 million loss.

Nor has Allied found a replacement for its finance director, Clifford Hatch, who signified his intention to resign when an orderly handover of his responsibilities had been arranged. Yesterday, the company refused to comment on suggestions that Sir Derrick Holden-Brown, chairman, may leave in July, a year before he was due to retire, in a big boardroom reshuffle.

B Gas to yield

BRITISH Gas is likely to swallow its objections and agree an all-important review of its tariff structure for domestic UK customers. Analysts said British Gas would try to reach agreement with Ofgas, the industry watchdog, rather than face a referral to the monopolies commission.

The results of the review, which will have a big impact on BG's medium-term earnings and dividends, are due on Monday.

Lloyd's case

THE ground-breaking Oakeley Vaughan case, in which 24 underwriting names are suing the Corporation of Lloyd's over £5 million losses on their accounts, reopens today. The case was adjourned a week ago to allow the judge, Justice Gatehouse, to study background documents. The case is expected to last at least nine weeks.

THE POUND

CHANGE ON WEEK

US dollar
1.6840 (–0.0410)

German mark
2.9538 (–0.0391)

Exchange index
90.8 (–1.4)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1938.3 (–41.8)

FT-SE 100
2471.3 (–48.8)

New York Dow Jones
2912.38 (–53.21)

Tokyo Nikkei Avge
36123.68 (–418.29)

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White House meeting highlights policy differences

Bush steps up pressure for G7 rate cuts



High-flying dollar: Alan Greenspan with Robin Leigh-Pemberton, Bank of England governor, Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, Karl Otto Pöhl and Nicholas Brady

From SUSAN ELLICOTT IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Bush invited the finance ministers and central bank governors of the world's seven leading industrialised nations to the White House yesterday amid a struggling campaign to pressure his economic allies to lower interest rates.

The morning reception at the White House for the top financial policymakers of the United States, Britain, Japan, Germany, Canada, France and Italy was viewed as Mr Bush's latest attempt to bolster the US Treasury's lobbying for easier credit as the Bush administration worries about the prospect of a sluggish domestic recovery in the run-up to presidential elections next year.

But the personal intervention of the president, following a public call for lower rates before the weekend, appeared unlikely to prevent a stand-off between members of the Group of Seven at their first gathering since the end of the Gulf war to discuss the world economy.

The meeting has highlighted significant differences among the allies about the course of interest rate policies as Britain, Germany, Canada and Japan worry about inflation. America, however, which is the world's largest economy, expects to emerge from a recession later this year and is anxious to jump-start a recovery.

Amid tension about the direction of their economies, the G7 members appeared likely to differ behind closed doors but to agree by late last night on a compromise wording to a final joint communiqué that would balance concern about inflation with the need to promote stronger economic growth.

In recognition of Bonn's concerns about inflation taking off as a result of German unification, the statement was also expected to draw attention to a need for a higher rate of savings as the world faced a shortage of capital.

British officials described the meeting at the White House as friendly and informal.

Over coffee with Mr Bush, they noted the three-point cut in British interest rates to 12 per cent in past months and said the downward move had the prospect of continuing as and when inflation came down later this year. They also said that Britain supported monetary and fiscal policies that would promote a sustained non-inflationary global economic recovery.

The tension between America and its financial partners is greater than at most G7 meetings over the past several years. In particular, members concerned about inflation had been irritated in past weeks by America's shift from policy co-ordination centred on fighting inflation.

Nicholas Brady, the US treasury secretary, carried his plea for easier credit to Germany and Britain this month, urging the central banks to ease and even suggesting the German banks pressure the Bundesbank.

His efforts were especially frowned upon by the Europeans since the Bush administration had been having no luck at home in persuading the Federal Reserve, headed by Alan Greenspan, to lower interest rates.

The Europeans therefore took the sceptical view that Mr Bush was lending a helping hand to his old friend, Mr Brady, at the White House reception.

In comments not expected to appear in the final communiqué, the British officials said they did not regard the dollar as being uncompetitive.

They also said that G7 ministers discussed the so-called Trinidad Terms which were proposed by Britain last year to reduce two-thirds of the international debt as a whole of the poorest developing countries with a realistic assessment of their repayment profile.

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Pöhl resists talk of easier money

By OUR WASHINGTON STAFF

KARL Otto Pöhl, Bundesbank president, said he thought there were more important subjects than interest rates for the G7 economic policymakers to discuss at their meeting in Washington.

Herr Pöhl, speaking to reporters before the meeting, said he thought the interest rate issue was "a little exaggerated. I think there are more important subjects, for example developments in eastern Europe or the Soviet Union".

Germany is keen to maintain a strict monetary policy to contain a rise in liquidity resulting from the pumping of marks into the modernisation of former East Germany. Before the G7 meeting, Herr Pöhl said a relaxation of credit in his country now would risk letting inflation out of the bag.

"We have to accept relatively high rates of real interest," he said. "There is a shortage of capital in the world. I don't think the answer would be to ease monetary policy. The answer is to increase savings."

He added: "The important thing for the long-term outlook is trust in the stability of the currency. That is the best policy a central bank can conduct to help keep interest rates relatively low in the long run."

CBI less gloomy on output

By ROSS TIEMAN
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE first signs that Britain's slide into recession is slowing will be unveiled in results from the latest quarterly industrial trends survey of the Confederation of British Industry, published tomorrow.

After examining the survey, Professor Doug McWilliams, the CBI's economic adviser, told its council that businessmen are becoming less gloomy.

"The flow of orders from the consumer sector through to manufacturers is still declining, but not as rapidly as previously," he said.

In January, 30 per cent more manufacturers expected output to fall than to rise. The latest survey is expected to show that down to 8 per cent.

The results will bring some small comfort to Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, who told the Institute of Directors last week that he will be watching the outcome of such surveys very closely. However, the flow of job losses from companies as diverse as Marks and Spencer and Ford suggests that shedding labour remains a priority for many firms.

Marks and Spencer is expected to announce today up to 600 job losses at its head office in Baker Street, London. The board meets this morning to consider the recommendations of a six-month review of manning at the office, where there are 4,500 staff. Jobs may also go at high street branches.

On Friday, Ford announced the loss of 1,000 jobs at its Halewood, Merseyside, plant.

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Pattullo confirms fraud provision

By NEIL BENNETT, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

THE Bank of Scotland is thought to have lost more than £10 million in a fraud relating to second mortgages being investigated by the Serious Fraud Office.

Bruce Pattullo, the chief executive, has confirmed that the bank lost money in the collapse of Castlegate, the financial services group, of Reading, Berkshire. He said the loss has been fully written off in the bank's figures for the year to end-February, to be published on Wednesday. Last week National Home Loans revealed it had lost £3.5 million in the fraud, while National Westminster Bank is another victim.

The bank reports on the same day as the Royal Bank of Scotland, its arch-rival. The Bank of Scotland says it has delayed results by a week for accounting reasons. Some analysts believe this may suggest poor figures or an intention to contrast the two banks.

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Tootal predicts £32.5m for year

By OUR CITY STAFF

TOOTAL, the textile group fighting a £194 million bid from Coats Viyella, has forecast it will increase pre-tax profits by 40 per cent this year to £32.5 million.

The company has said it will make earnings per share of 8p for the year to end-January 1992. This is a 90 per cent increase from last year, when the company's figures were hit by poor trading and heavy restructuring costs.

In response, Coats dismissed the forecast as "deliberately imprecise". Neville Bain, Coats' chief executive, said the forecast "defied credibility".

Coats has a week left to increase its 65p-a-share cash offer for Tootal. This compares with the market price of 77p, and suggests Coats will have to lift its offer by more than 15p a share to stand a chance of success.

Mr Bain said he realised that many institutional investors would prefer a share bid. "I understand the message from the City that it wants Coats' paper and the board will take it into account if it decides to raise the offer."

Tootal's forecast is based on trading in February and March, and the benefits Tootal expects from investment projects and cost-cutting measures. The company's defence document says it has cut its annual costs by £10.5 million, including £8.5 million in Britain. This year, Tootal has reduced its workforce by 1,000 to 14,000. Anthony Habgood, Tootal's chief executive, said: "The people are no longer there and the floors in our head office are empty."

The company expects to make an additional £2.5 million from new projects. Tootal expects the benefit from its investments to rise to £7.5 million in 1992.

Mr Habgood stressed the forecast discounted any improvement in the British economy, and was based on a 6 per cent growth in turnover.

"I feel very confident," he said. "Coats Viyella does not have the wherewithal to mount a bid that would be attractive to our shareholders."

Coats added that Tootal's forecast tax charge of 25.5 per cent was artificially low and could not be sustained. Tootal said its tax was normally in that range.

Man Utd names the day

By MARTIN BARROW

MANCHESTER United FC has provisionally set May 22 as the date for its stock market flotation, one week after the club's first appearance in the final of a major European championship for 23 years.

United is expected to be capitalised at £35-40 million and hopes that supporters and other individuals will own up to one third of the company after the flotation, which will raise £6 million after costs. The company has appointed Professor Roland Smith as non-executive chairman.

Following the flotation the Stretford End of the Old Trafford ground will be rebuilt at a cost of up to £13 million.

At the advice of Henry Ansbacher, United's merchant bank, the company will almost certainly establish an appropriation fund for gains and losses arising from purchase and sale of players, whose value will not be included in the balance sheet.



Smith: new team captain

Martin Edwards, chief executive of the company and chairman of the club, will reduce his shareholding from 50 per cent to 25 per cent, but he has not said how much money he will receive.

Potential institutional investors will inevitably make comparisons between United and Tottenham Hotspur, its quoted first division rival, although advisers have gone to great lengths to stress differences that exist between the two clubs. Unlike Tottenham, United comes to the market free of debt, with cash in the bank.

☐ Midland Bank has angrily rejected suggestions that it has forced Tottenham Hotspur to negotiate the sale of Paul Gascoigne, its star player.

The bank is thought to have put increasing pressure on the football club's board to reduce its £11 million overdraft but, privately, it claims it left the club to make decisions on disposals. In response, Nat Solomon, Spurs' chairman, travelled to Rome on Thursday to discuss the sale of Gascoigne to Lazio, the Italian club, for £7.5 million.

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US bosses' pay soars above staff

From PHILIP ROBINSON
IN NEW YORK

THE pay gap between corporate America's shopfloor and its top floor has risen to unprecedented levels.

According to the latest American executive pay survey compiled by *BusinessWeek* and Standard & Poor's Compustat Services, the typical chief executive made 85 times the pay of the average factory worker last year, compared with the 17 times shopfloor pay received by bosses in Japan.

The best paid American executive was Stephen Wolf who runs United Air Lines, which started flying into Heathrow this month. His pay, bonuses and share options totalled $18.3 million, in a year when profits fell 71 per cent, which is 1,300 times larger than the pay of a stewardess whose annual $14,382 has not been increased for five years.

The $11.2 million package of Michael Eisner, Walt Disney's chief executive, meant he earned more in a day than the average Disney employee earns in a year. And Lee Iacocca, the Chrysler chief, received a 25 per cent rise in compensation to $4.8 million, despite a near-80 per cent drop in profits.

Executives who made the most from takeovers last year were Steven Ross, of Time Warner, whose share options pushed his pay package to $200,000 a day, and Donald Pels, of LIN Broadcasting. McCaw Cellular Communications – where British Telecom has a 20 per cent stake – took over LIN last year, giving Mr Pels the chance to sell $10 share options for $154, topping up his earnings last year to $3.5 million a week.

America's leading institutional shareholders are concerned about executive pay, and many are seeking to ensure that compensation is set by a committee of independent directors.

Over the past decade, *BusinessWeek* says, the pay of chief executives has jumped 212 per cent while profits have risen by 78 per cent and the pay of a factory worker by 53 per cent, an engineer by 73 per cent and a teacher by 95 per cent.

Paul Fireman, head of the world's second-largest running shoe company Reebok, has ranked in the top ten best-paid executives for the past five years *BusinessWeek* says he also ranks top for giving shareholders the least for his pay. Since 1988 he has been paid $40 million in cash while his investors have realised a return of just 17 per cent.

US TOP PAID EXECUTIVES

Stephen Wolf	United Airlines	$18.3m
John Sculley	Apple	$16.7m
Paul Fireman	Reebok	$14.8m
Dean Buntrock	Waste Man'ment	$12.2m
Leon Hirsch	US Surgical	$11.6m
Michael Eisner	Walt Disney	$11.2m
Joseph Williams	Warner-Lambert	$8.4m
David Maxwell	Fed N Mortgage	$7.5m
George Grune	Reader's Digest	$7.4m
Roy Vagelos	Merck	$7.1m

COMPARATIVE PAY

Michael Jackson	$50m
Madonna	$25m
Boston Red Sox pitcher	$5.3m
Norman Schwarzkopf	$0.104m

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VW forecast to borrow DM15bn

By WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU, EUROPEAN BUSINESS CORRESPONDENT

VOLKSWAGEN, Europe's largest car maker, will need to borrow DM15 billion over the next five years to finance its ambitious investment programme, and might fall into losses in 1992-3 due to higher debt servicing, according to a forecast by Nomura, the Japanese investment house.

Total capital spending by the company is forecast to reach DM52 billion by 1996, almost the size of the federal German budget deficit this year. DM10 billion will be invested during the next ten years into Skoda, the Czech car maker, which Volkswagen bought earlier this year.

But the forecast, by John Lawson, Nomura's automotive analyst, has been rejected by Karl Hahn, VW's president. He said VW's capital requirements can be financed "almost" from internally generated cashflow, "at least within a five-year period".

The analysis, which appeared in yesterday's *Money Programme*, on BBC2, predicts a cashflow shortfall this year of DM1.2 billion, rising to DM4.2 billion in 1993. Much of the company's cashflow stems from sales of the Golf, its most successful car. VW will launch a new Gold model at the Frankfurt motor show later this year, and analysts expect its financial position to depend strongly on the Golf's success.

Herr Hahn said it was difficult to dissect Volkswagen's balance sheet because it lumps together its automotive business and financial services. "So the analyst looking at our balance sheet does not get a clear picture," he said.

Some German companies also have strong hidden reserves, which can be realised in times when capital spending is on the increase.

Herr Hahn said: "I can assure you we continue to be investors in the money market and we are very strong and consequently independent in financing what is ahead of us, unless there is something unforeseen."

VW will also come under increasing pressure from Japanese producers targeting the mid-range market, which are likely to gain free access to the European market from the late Nineties.

'Upturn in 1992' for eastern Germany

Frankfurt

A GLIMMER of hope is emerging for the crumbling economy in eastern Germany, according to two reports.

One report today, from five major economic institutes, claims production in east Germany could rise in 1992, although it will plunge 17.5 per cent this year. Separately, Munich's Ifo institute, one of the authors of the joint report, says investment in the East is rising sharply.

The reports give warning that unemployment in eastern Germany is likely to rise beyond the one-third of the its 9 million workers currently out of work or kept on company payrolls with state funds while doing little work. The institutes also expect growth in western Germany's GNP to slow to 2.5 per cent this year from 4.6 per cent in 1990. But inflation will average 3.5 per cent this year, up from 2.7 per cent, pushed higher by tax rises due in July.

Wary of rising inflation, officials said Germany would ignore American pleas for lower interest rates at yesterday's G7 meeting, in Washington, and a promise that Germany will not raise interest rates further is also unlikely. (*Reuter*)



Tin man: Ed Kirk, chairman of Frederick Cooper, announced that his company had won a £500,000-a-year contract to supply Tesco with new silicon-coated baking tins. He said Tesco was the second biggest account in the UK, after Woolworths, and he was confident other retailers would follow their lead. The process, which coats the sheets of metal with silicon, took the company three years to develop. The products will be supplied through Classic Housewares, its wholly-owned subsidiary.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Halifax to charge £10 credit card fee

THE Halifax Building Society is to change the way it calculates interest and will introduce a £10 annual credit card fee, from July, for its 400,000 account holders. The rate will be cut from 28.7 per cent to 23.8 per cent, or 26.9 per cent when the fee is included. Interest will also be charged earlier on accounts that are not cleared each month. From July, it will be charged from the day the transaction reaches the account.

Cardholders who build up a credit balance will receive 8.4 per cent interest, 6.3 per cent for basic rate taxpayers. They will also be able to transfer outstanding balances from other cards to the Halifax. If they transfer more than £250 they will receive a refund of the first year's fee.

London 'best for Eurobank'

BRITAIN must promote London as the best venue for a European central bank or risk seeing the capital's status as a leading financial centre evaporate, said Lord Alexander, chairman of National Westminster, in the bank's latest *Quarterly Review*. The European Community has yet to decide on a venue. Other contenders include Paris and Frankfurt.

Air Canada drops order

AIR Canada has asked Boeing to cancel orders on three Boeing 747-400 aircraft worth about $600 million, reports the Toronto *Financial Post* newspaper. The aircraft, designed to carry large volumes of cargo along with passengers, were to be delivered from 1993. The airline recently announced plans to cuts its workforce and drop routes.

Bank fund 'has cash'

THE head of the American Federal Deposit Insurance Corp, the bank insurance agency that guarantees savers' deposits, said there would be serious problems if two more banks on the scale of the Bank of New England failed. But William Seidman, chairman, said the bank deposit fund operated by the agency was not bankrupt, as some had alleged.

It had about $7 billion in cash at quick disposal. "We could handle another Bank of New England. But don't ask me if we could handle two of them," Seidman said. Speaking on the ABC programme *Business World* at the weekend, he was referring to the Boston bank's collapse last year.

Continental 'stake offer'

MILAN'S Bank Indosuez has offered three Japanese tyre companies a 23 per cent stake in Continental, according to *Der Spiegel*, the magazine. The report said Bank Indosuez backed Pirelli, the Italian tyremaker, in a bid to take over Continental, a German firm. Pirelli and its allies would retain a 10 per cent stake in Continental, which would not comment.

Rolls-Royce joint venture

BMW Rolls-Royce, the venture between Bayerische Motoren Werke and Rolls-Royce, is to spend DM1 billion developing a new family of aircraft engines by 1996. Albert Schneider, the chairman, said the firm aims for annual sales of DM1 billion by 2000, with the new engines accounting for 60 per cent. Development costs will be shared about equally.

Airline close to cut-off

THE 150 staff still employed by Air Europe will know in the next two weeks whether they will join the thousands of others made redundant when the airline collapsed last month.

Last-ditch efforts to find a buyer for the rump of the airline — still technically trading despite the suspension of its licences — will be made this week by KPMG Peat Marwick McLintock, the administrator. Indications are, however, that even those who have expressed an interest in saving the business are ready to pull out. If a buyer can be found, KPMG will have a further 14 days in which to appeal against the licence suspension and keep the company going.

Privatisation buyouts reap 100% returns

By OUR CITY STAFF

MANAGERS who bought their companies from the government have more than doubled their investment every year, a survey of buyouts published today shows.

Institutions that backed nine privatisation management buyouts (MBOs) of more than £10 million each sold their stakes for an average return of 116 per cent a year.

The figure is compound growth including interest and dividends received. An investment held for three years would be worth ten times the original stake.

The survey, of all British MBOs valued at more than £10 million, has been made by KPMG Peat Marwick McLintock, the accountant. It provides ammunition for those who claim the government has sold companies off too cheaply.

The nine privatisations include National Freight Corporation, VSEL, Gleneagles and Vosper Thornycroft. KPMG declines to say which was the most profitable for their backers.

Returns from privatised buyouts have easily outstripped those of subsidiaries of listed companies.

CAPITAL MARKETS

Lending times are a-changing

WITH the completion of the MGN and Inntrepreneur credits last week, the corporate loan syndication market returned to the state of torpor that has characterised it for months. No significant deals are in the market and the prospect of launches in the near future remains slim.

With equity markets proving so receptive, rights issue financing looks a more attractive proposition. Despite lower interest rates, gearing remains a touchy subject with analysts and fund managers. Any chance to move debt off the balance sheet, rather than back on it, is likely to be taken.

Bankers will still provide finance for, say, large takeover deals, if the borrower's story is good enough. But if the deal really is that attractive, shareholders will want to participate via a rights issue rather than let the banks pick up all the benefits of financing the winners of the recession.

The two deals provided sharp contrasts in the speed of response from the market. While Inntrepreneur had been in syndication for many weeks, MGN was launched and closed in ten days.

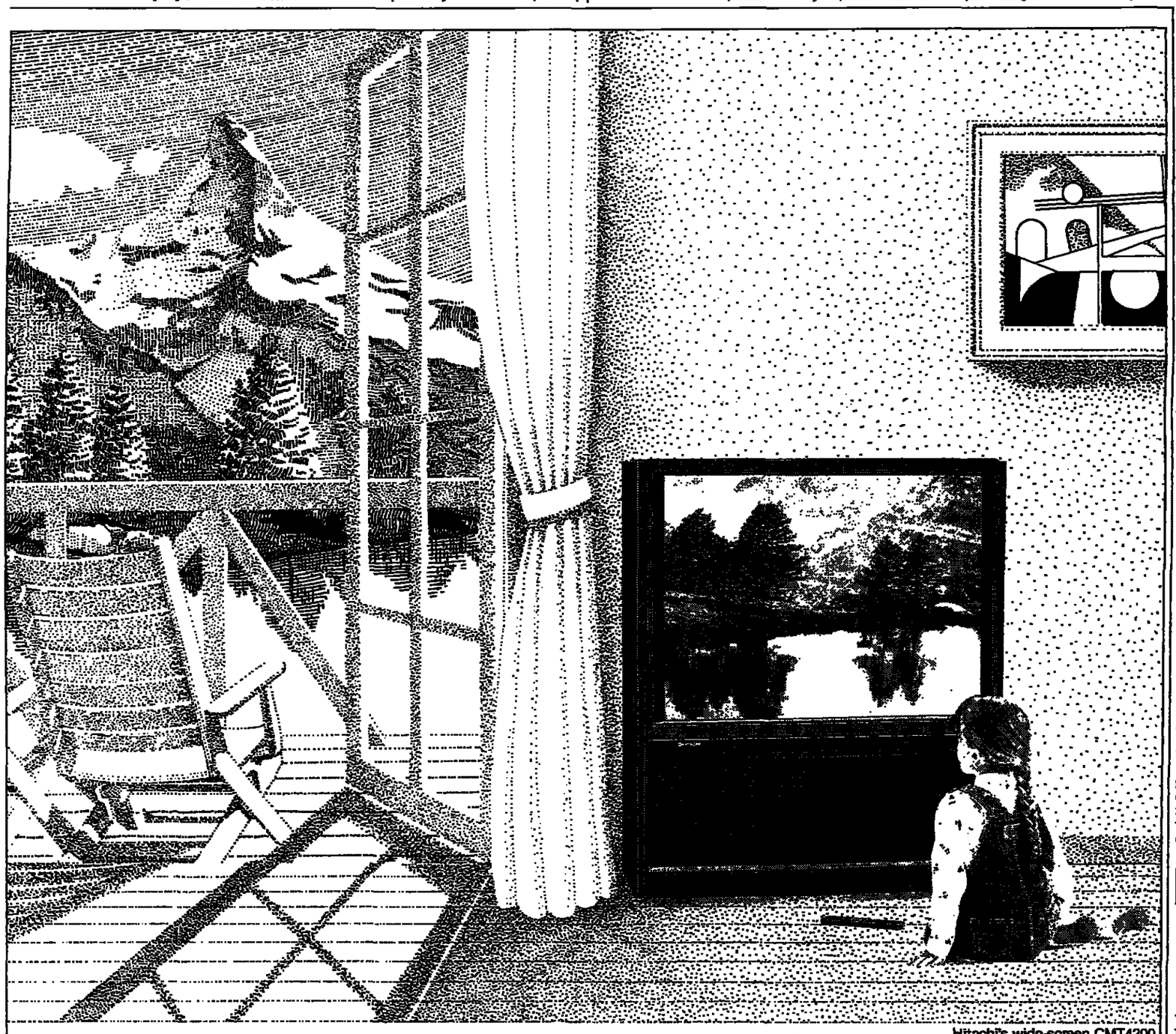
Given the general reluctance of banks to commit themselves to deals, the swift completion was an encouraging signal for those corporates thinking about borrowing. Well, up to a point. Nothing concentrates the mind of a banker more effectively than the sniff of a few basis points — in this case 15. That was the size of the "early bird" fee offered to banks responding within the deadline. Not surprisingly, all 13 of the banks on the syndicate met the deadline and pocketed their fees.

With a margin of 75 basis points, the pricing of the deal reflects the new conditions prevailing in the loan markets. The days when banks were prepared to lend at virtually marginless, and certainly unprofitable, rates to establish relationships, seem long past.

According to some bankers, rates have now topped out. The older and more cynical among them are enjoying the experience while it lasts. Few of the older hands believe the more "realistic" pricing of recent months will stick.

By the time quality borrowers return to the markets in force, the Japanese banks, whose departure first precipitated the sharp rises, may well be prepared to lend again. If so, prices will tumble perhaps as rapidly as they rose. The combination of higher global demand for capital, more rigorous capital adequacy requirements for banks, and the painful memories of losses should prevent them sliding all the way back. At least, that is what the market is hoping.

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Four cheers for the G7

ECONOMIC VIEW

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Whatever the markets make of last night's Group of Seven meeting, the worst is probably over for the troubled mark. For despite all the apparent philosophical disagreements, the interests of the three economic superpowers in managing exchange rates coincide.

The Americans desperately want economic growth and, as everyone must surely realise by now, they are willing to sacrifice almost anything, including their dubious anti-inflationary reputation, to achieve it.

The Germans want domestic price stability and moderate growth, in that order. The Japanese want nothing more than to be left in peace, but they realise that a revival of prosperity in America's industrial heartland and among the blue collar "middle class" is the necessary and sufficient condition for this. Japan also knows that its relationship with Europe will depend on its willingness to accept a severe competitive handicap in the form of an overvalued exchange rate.

How the G7 could help to achieve these objectives has always been obvious. It could try to push down the dollar, stabilise the mark and strengthen the yen. But currency manipulation is an inexact science at best and in the past few months it has seemed like a costly exercise in self-deception. But there are at least four reasons why it may start to work in the weeks ahead.

First, the American economy is weaker and the Bush administration more desperate for growth than most people expected.

Second, the technical environment for co-ordinated exchange rate management is highly propitious. The sentiment against the mark is all but universal and traders are increasingly cocky about their ability to defy the central banks. As the market becomes increasingly long of dollars and short of marks, it becomes vulnerable to intervention. The fact that the Bundesbank was so visible in its market activities last week suggests that these were just warning shots and the real assault lies ahead.

Third, the economic and political situation in Germany is probably less bad than the markets believe. The worst news, both from the east and from the political hustings, is probably out already. What is less clear, and far more important, is the state of the western economy. West German industry will probably continue to gain competitive advantage at the expense of the rest of Europe, especially now that it has access to a bigger labour force. If so, the long-term strength of the German current account should be assured.

The capital account may soon receive a boost if it becomes apparent that full-scale monetary union in Europe is unlikely in the near future.

Emu has always been the greatest fundamental threat to the German currency, since the anti-inflationary stability and export competitiveness of the mark are bound to be diluted in direct proportion to the number of francs, lire, pounds and pesetas mixed up with it in the Eurocurrency brew. If, instead, there is a two-track movement to Emu, with only a core group of non-inflationary countries tying themselves initially to the mark, money will flood out of Britain, Italy and Spain back into Germany and its immediate economic satellites.

Last, but not least, there has been the "sudden" prospect of political stabilisation in the Soviet Union. This, in the long run, may be the biggest source of relief for the mark.

To people who understood the politics of the Soviet Union, it always seemed likely that Gorbachev's swing to the right was simply one of the natural and inevitable oscillations around a trend that was moving decisively towards pro-market reform. The long-run direction of the political trend was less certain, but still seemed to point towards democracy. In the weeks ahead, these hopes may be confirmed.

As for the "collapse of the Soviet empire" and the personal clash between Gorbachev and Yeltsin, these could be viewed as the kind of disputes and tensions that would be taken for granted in any normal political system — albeit enormously aggravated by the uncertainties in the economy, the absence of democratic traditions and the lack of a constitution. Last week's agreement on a new Union treaty suggests that the most explosive period may be ending.

Last week, the markets were still fretting about the fact that six out of the 15 republics had refused to sign the new treaty. How many of the dealers piling into dollars on the "Soviet civil war" story realise how little the loss of the six "breakaway" republics, improbable as it is, would actually matter for the Soviet Union?

For the record, the combined land area of Georgia, Moldavia, Armenia and the three Baltic republics is 1.4 per cent of the Soviet Union's territory. Their population is 7.3 per cent and their net material product is 6.9 per cent of the Soviet total.

It matters relatively little whether the Soviet Union consists of nine republics or fifteen, whether it is led by Gorbachev or Yeltsin, whether it is called the USSR or the Federation of Slavic and Central Asian States. It will be the biggest economy in Europe and probably the fastest growing market in the world.

How business surveys can help Lamont figure out the future

NORMAN Lamont will have a good deal of reading to do tomorrow. Last week, the Chancellor said he would watch closely the large-scale business surveys for signs that Britain has put the worst of the recession behind it.

Tomorrow, the longest-running and probably the most authoritative of them, from the Confederation of British Industry, will give him 160-odd pages of data to watch.

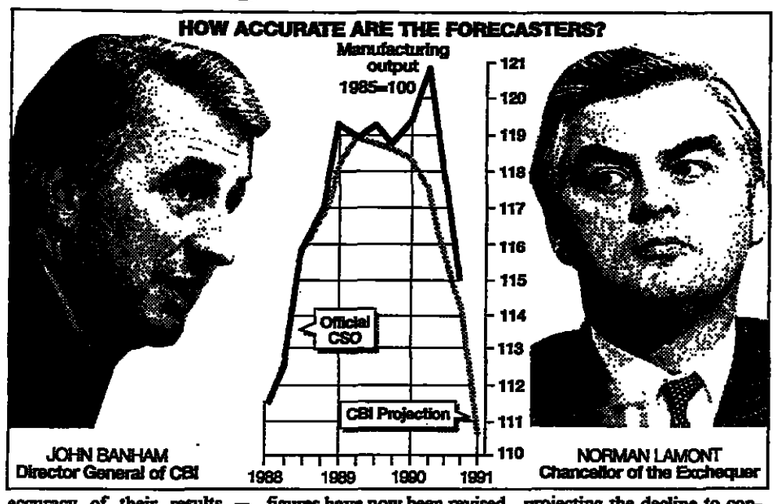
Despite the batteries of statisticians employed in Whitehall, Mr Lamont was generous last week in his praise of the quarterly surveys, notably from the CBI and the Association of British Chambers of Commerce, ABCC, saying that they "gave us the best early warning of the strength and depth of last year's economic downturn".

Even so, the Chancellor was careful with his caveats. "Of course, these surveys must be interpreted with care," he told the Institute of Directors' conference. "When the economy is near a turning point, answers to questions about the past are bound to be gloomier than replies to questions about the future."

Myles Middleton, ABCC president, said last week, when the chambers published their gloomy survey on the state of British industry and the British economy, that there was precious little in it to "offer the chancellor any particular comfort."

This week's CBI survey is unlikely to make more pleasant reading for Mr Lamont. A month ago, John Banham, the CBI's ebullient director general, gave warning of economic gloom-mongers. At the weekend, in a speech to personnel managers, he struck a more upbeat note, although his message ahead of tomorrow's survey is that things are still getting worse.

Three months ago, *The Times* examined how extensively the large-scale business surveys produced by the CBI and ABCC were used by policymakers. But as an internal ABCC briefing paper puts it, "Business surveys must be judged not only on the strength of their methodology, but also on the accuracy of their results — particularly predictions — as seen in hindsight."



Viewed with the benefit of such 20-20 vision, both major business surveys are, over time, remarkably accurate indicators of trends in industry. Take the current recession. Economists argue energetically about its cause, and business and trade union leaders over who is responsible for it, but few would argue that of its strongest roots lay in Nigel Lawson's expansion of credit when, as Chancellor, he cut interest rates in May 1988 to 7.5 per cent, trying to maintain economic growth and to shadow the mark.

At the time, data on output from the government's Central Statistical Office showed a marginal decline, leading some economists to believe the economy was not only *not* overheating, but that the stock market crash of October 1987 was depressing it.

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At the same time, the CBI's industrial trends survey was telling a rather different story. Its data was indicating a strong continued growth in manufacturing output. That turned out to be much closer to the truth; the official CSO figures have now been revised to chart significant output growth over the period.

CBI analysts claim that this is a good example of where policymakers in Whitehall would have benefited from doing what Mr Lamont is now saying he will do — attaching greater weight to business survey information as opposed to official data. Strongly growing output, cuts in interest rates and further reductions in income tax led to higher inflation, which the government has been wrestling to beat ever since.

How and when the recession started was also charted more accurately in the CBI's and other large-scale surveys. Now, manufacturers in particular are prepared to admit that British business went over a cliff around October-November. Then, official output figures were available only for the three months to the end of August: they showed manufacturing output remaining unchanged.

In marked contrast, the October CBI industrial trends survey painted a stark picture, with companies reporting the steepest fall in output volume since April 1981, and projecting the decline to continue. In the event, that is precisely what happened; if anything, the CBI's and similar surveys understated the pit into which British industry at the time was falling.

The ABCC survey, which has been in place only since 1985 compared to the 32-year run enjoyed by the CBI's information, claims for itself a broadly accurate charting of the trends later fully reported by the CSO data. Indeed, chambers' analysts say that where the CSO's figures and theirs have diverged, it has generally been because the CSO's figures, recording actual growth during the quarter concerned, have sometimes tracked erratic movements which are then not seen to be genuine trends in the light of subsequent quarters.

Inevitably, getting in ahead helps: the CBI's survey, which is usually published less than two weeks after the survey period in which the data are collected, is usually about five weeks ahead of the publication of the comparable CSO figures.

But the trailing pattern of the official figures gives the business survey analysts confidence.

The CBI, for instance, believes that the recent sharp decline in officially recorded manufacturing output, as shown in the accompanying chart, indicates clearly the government's figures belatedly coming into line with the survey data.

CBI leaders suggest on the basis of their own surveys that the government's figures overestimate manufacturing investment, considerably overestimate producer prices and underestimate manufacturing productivity growth. The government has revised its manufacturing employment figures downwards, suggesting that the CBI's line might again be right.

Back in the Budget, Mr Lamont was rueful. "One of the lessons I have learnt from years of grappling with economic statistics," he told the House of Commons, "is that it is difficult to be certain about the past, let alone about the future." His public endorsement of the validity of business surveys indicates his readiness now to believe what they say.

Whether he will like what the CBI will tell him tomorrow is quite another matter.

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Swaps fiasco gives rise to Bank protection committee

THE Bank of England has established a senior committee to protect the City from straying into legal grey areas.

The move comes after a House of Lords judgment against interest rate swap transactions with local authorities, which the Bank believes has seriously damaged the City's reputation as an international business centre.

The legal risk review committee will contain some of the most important figures in banking and the City. It will be chaired by Lord Alexander of Weedon, the chairman of National Westminster Bank.

Members will include Peter Stormonth Darling, chairman of Mercury Asset Management, Humphrey Norrington, finance director of Barclays Bank, and Charles McVeigh, chairman of Salomon Brothers International.

The Bank of England will be represented by Ian Plenderleith, the government broker. The committee will have a full-time secretariat.

The seniority of the committee shows that the Bank believes some of the City's markets are under serious threat from existing legal interpretations. In January, the law lords declared that interest rate swap deals with local authorities were unlawful.

Swaps are complex interest rate management products used by many councils in the Eighties. But the Lords decided they were speculative and that it was beyond the powers of local authorities to engage in them.

This forced more than 70 of the world's largest banks to write off over £500 million on the deals, but more importantly it raised doubts about the City as a safe centre to do financial business.

> Ruling raised doubts about the City as a safe financial centre

The idea of the committee was first raised last November in a speech, on the disputed swaps, by Brian Quinn, the Bank's director of banking supervision. "The question is whether there are any other problems of this kind lurking in UK statutes," he said.

The committee will start meeting next month to look for any other areas of legal uncertainty in financial markets, and discuss remedies. It is expected to send an initial report to Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the Bank's governor, within a year, although it may act sooner on urgent cases.

News of the committee comes as the banks increase pressure on the government to take action on local authority swaps.

Last Friday, representatives of 67 banks that have lost money on local authority swaps met in the City to discuss what further action to take. They unanimously backed the British Bankers Association's campaign to have the contacts reinstated.

The banks are already carrying out their threat to use the legal system to recover what money they can from the councils. Since the law lords' verdict, 12 banks have issued 69 writs against 31 authorities. The number is expected to soar this summer since another 20 banks are ready to issue writs, depending on the action from the government.

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Caz footmen change style

MEMORIES are mercifully short at Cazenove, that most blue-blooded of stockbrokers, which has set yet another lead in the Square Mile — this time in the fashion stakes. The firm's porters — better known as footmen in Caz circles — have given up their usual grey flannel uniforms in favour of rather smart morning suits, in which they are now given to greeting partners and dignitaries arriving at the Tokenhouse Yard offices. The dramatic change in style — achieved at no small expense — is proof that the porters have at last been forgiven for an unfortunate incident in December 1989 when a thief drove off in broad daylight with the firm's blue stretched limousine, which bore the distinctive numberplate MUD 27. The porters calmly watched the affair on closed circuit television — only to recoil in horror when the chauffeur appeared minutes later, demanding to know what had happened to his car. The numberplate — first seen on a Morris Minor driven in the Fifties by Sir Anthony Hornby, the then senior partner — now adorns a slightly less impressive grey Rover.

Flight of mercy

DAVID Fordham's ten-day campaign to raise funds to help the Kurdish refugees was hanging in the balance this weekend. Fordham, head of the public sector department at Banque Paribas, was hoping to raise £100,000 to buy and run a field hospital on the Iran-Iraq border. Only £40,000 had been raised by the weekend, but a last-minute donation could see Fordham and a team of doctors on their way this week. "If we hit £50,000 we can still go — but for a month rather than three months," he said. "It's a question of whether we receive some last-minute cash or a call from a friendly minister who will help us cut through the red tape." If all goes well, representatives could be flying to Turkey by Wednesday to pave the way, and a fleet of trucks carrying doctors and supplies could leave Britain by the end of the week.

Toast of the air

PASSENGERS on the Virgin Atlantic flight to Los Angeles on Saturday received more than they bargained for — cake, champagne and the ever-jovial Fred Finn, who clocked up his 10 millionth mile in the air along the way. Finn, the world's most travelled businessman, joined Richard Branson, friends and celebrities for a non-stop party flight. Cutting a colourful figure among the revellers was Bryn Williams, one of Britain's most celebrated toastmasters, who often officiates at Square Mile functions. He counted the seconds to Finn's milestone at 25,000 ft over the north Atlantic — the first time such a ceremony has been performed by a toastmaster at such a height. Finn, aged 50, who was granted the freedom of the City last August, has notched up nearly 700 Concorde flights. He flies back to London tonight, before setting off on trips to Kenya, Malta and back to America.

GRAFFITO on a hoarding in Kensington: "Nothing is certain except death — and faxes."

Smokeless zone

HANDS have been trembling at branches of the Norwich Union. The firm has decided to ban staff and visitors from smoking in all its offices from Wendesday. Employees were warned last November that the move was coming, and the firm has been running seminars and holding exhibitions to help smokers kick the habit. "It applies to everyone from the chairman down," says a spokeswoman. Since the insurance company is Norwich's biggest employer — it has 7,500 employees in 32 buildings — a huge smokeless zone in East Anglia may be the result.

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1	Quicks Group	Motors,Aircraft	
2	Regalian	Property	
3	Morgan Chic	Industrials L-R	
4	BNB Res	Paper,Print,Adv	
5	EIS	Industrials E-K	
6	Domino	Electricals	
7	Jones & Shipman	Industrials E-K	
8	Assoc Fisheries	Foods	
9	AB Elect	Electricals	
10	Vibroplant	Building,Roads	
11	Renishaw	Industrials L-R	
12	Cairn Energy	Oil,Gas	
13	Sinclair (Wm)	Industrials S-Z	
14	Cowan De Groot	Industrials A-D	
15	Abbott Mead	Paper,Print,Adv	
16	Smith David	Paper,Print,Adv	
17	Estates Gen	Property	
18	Etam	Drapery,Stores	
19	Molyns	Electricals	
20	Bulmer (H P)	Breweries	
21	CIA Gp	Paper,Print,Adv	
22	Wiggins	Building,Roads	
23	P-E International	Electricals	
24	AIM	Industrials A-D	
25	Davies & Newman	Transport	
26	Baker Harris	Property	
27	Cornwell Parker 'A'	Industrials A-D	
28	Aerospace Eng	Industrials A-D	
29	Tomkins	Industrials S-Z	
30	Greene King	Breweries	
31	Wilkes (James)	Industrials S-Z	
32	Nobo Gp	Industrials L-R	
33	Matthew Clark	Breweries	
34	Elys (Wimbledon)	Drapery,Stores	
35	Hickson	Chemicals,Plas	
36	Williams Hldgs	Industrials S-Z	
37	Fired Earth Tiles	Drapery,Stores	
38	Swire Pacific 'A'	Industrials S-Z	
39	Provident	Banks,Discount	
40	Lamont	Textiles	
41	Mansfield	Breweries	
42	TGH	Industrials S-Z	
43	Powell Duffryn	Transport	
44	Parkland 'A'	Textiles	

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BRITISH FUNDS

Stock and stanging £	Stock	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Int only yld%	Gross Red yld%

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

398m	Fund 9¾%	1997-01	99⅝	...	...
1185m	Treas 8%	1997	99⅝	...	...
1000m	Treas 9%	1997	100¼	...	...
1545m	Exch 11%	1997	109⅝	...	...
2194m	Treas 11¾%	1997	112⅛	...	...
470m	9%	1998	103⅛	...	...
1000m	Treas 9%	1998	103⅛	...	...
1500m	Treas 12¾%	1998	118⅛	...	...
1265m	Treas C10¼%	1998	109¼	...	...
1300m	Exch 12¾%	1998	116⅛	...	...
794m	Treas 12%	1998	115⅜	...	...
1834m	Exch 13¼%	1998	119⅞	...	...
1557m	Treas 14%	1998-06	125⅛	...	...
1771m	Treas 8½%	1998	99⅝	...	...
1827m	Treas 11¾%	1999	110⅛	...	...
1144m	Treas 12%	1999	114⅜	...	...
1145m	Treas 13¾%	1999	125⅝	...	...
1721m	Treas 9½%	1999	99⅝	...	...
1373m	Treas 9%	1999	99⅛	...	...
1313m	Exch 12¾%	1999	115⅞	...	...
1157m	Exch 13¾%	1999	125⅝	...	...
1827m	Treas 14¾%	1999-05	135⅜	...	...
194m	Gas 3%	1990-95	98	...	...
2096m	Exch 10¾%	1999	103⅝	...	...
2470m	Treas 13%	1999	118⅛	...	...
911m	Treas 13%	1999	118⅛	...	...

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

722m	Treas 9%	1992-96	99⅝	...	...
1000m	Conv 10%	2001	109⅝	...	...
1844m	Exch 13¼%	1995	119⅞	...	...
1357m	Treas 13¼%	1995	119⅞	...	...
1000m	Treas 14%	1996	126⅛	...	...
3123m	Exch 10½%	1997	109¾	...	...
1448m	Treas 10½%	1997	109¾	...	...
997m	Exch 15%	1997	130⅝	...	...
1000m	Treas 9¾%	1997-00	104⅜	...	...
2847m	Exch 9¾%	1998	103⅝	...	...
5136m	Exch 10¼%	1998	107⅝	...	...
1168m	Treas 10½%	1998	109¾	...	...
1000m	Treas 10½%	1998	109¾	...	...
1888m	Conv 10½%	1998	109¾	...	...
2000m	Conv 13%	2000	114¾	...	...
2887m	Exch 13%	2000	114¾	...	...
1125m	Treas 14%	1998-01	119⅝	...	...
2971m	Exch 9¾%	2001	101⅝	...	...
1577m	Treas 9¾%	2002	101⅝	...	...
1729m	Treas 11¾%	2001-04	109⅝	...	...
2884m	Conv 12%	2003	115⅜	...	...
3534m	Treas 12¾%	2003-05	119⅝	...	...

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

1496m	Treas 8%	2002-06	98	...	...
1223m	Treas 8¾%	2007	99⅝	...	...
3468m	Treas 11¾%	2003-07	109⅝	...	...
1988m	Treas 9%	2008	99⅝	...	...
1934m	Treas 8¾%	2008-09	99⅛	...	...
2135m	Conv 9%	2011	99⅝	...	...
2135m	Treas 9½%	2004-12	99⅝	...	...
1174m	Treas 8¾%	2005-15	99⅛	...	...
1188m	Exch 12¾%	2013-17	119⅝	...	...

UNDATED

6m	Consols 2½%		3⅝	...	...
116m	Treas 2½%		3⅝	...	...
67m	War Ln 3½%		34⅝	...	...
74m	Conv 3½%		34⅝	...	...
143m	Consols 4%		39⅝	...	...

INDEX-LINKED

89m	Treas 2½%	1992	107⅝	...	...
1000m	Treas 2½%	1994	107⅝	...	...
1718m	Treas 2½%	1996	107⅝	...	...
1000m	Treas 2½%	2001	101⅝	...	...
1227m	Treas 2½%	2003	100⅝	...	...
1000m	Treas 2½%	2006	100⅝	...	...
1000m	Treas 2½%	2009	100⅝	...	...
1174m	Treas 2½%	2011	100⅝	...	...
458m	Treas 2½%	2013	100⅝	...	...
1887m	Treas 2½%	2016	100⅝	...	...
1838m	Treas 2½%	2020	100⅝	...	...
852m	Treas 2½%	2024	100⅝	...	...

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Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
3,550.0m	Abbey National	221	●+7	12.7	4.7	9.4
1,080.7m	Allied Irish	184	-5	...	...	...
71.0m	Ambrose (Henry)	78	●...	3.0	5.3	...
1,788.7m	Aus New Z	139	+½	...	...	...
4,800.0m	Barkleycards	333½	+½	...	...	...
845.5m	Bank of Ireland	193	-10	...	...	...
1,321.5m	Bank Laumi Israel	119½	...	...	2.5	5.0
94.9m	Bank Leumi UK	88½	...	...	2.5	5.0
1,029.5m	Bank Of Scotland	136	-4	...	6.5	9.5
13.7m	Bank Of Wales	47	...	...	3.7	5.8
7,686.0m	Barclays	463	●-15	...	5.9	9.4
5,985.0m	Bendinkmark	19	...	...	1.0	10.0
40.8m	Brown Shipley	284	-2	...	10.7	4.2
6,550.0m	Carlisle	24	...	...	...	...
108.1m	Cater Allen	414	-4	...	23.5	7.4
75.5m	Cattles	72	●...	...	5.1	7.1
—	Chemcity	...	...	...	...	...
1,437.0m	Chase Manhatan	211½	...	...	...	...
3,154.8m	Citicorp	311	...	...	...	...
88.5m	Close Bros	997	-3	...	16.9	4.8
2,251.3m	Commerzbank	197½	...	...	...	...
5,907.0m	Deutsche Bank	321½	+½	...	...	...
391.4m	First Nat Fin	335	-1	...	17.3	5.4
74.4m	GPG	28	...	...	...	...
131.1m	Gerrard Nat	627	...	...	39.5	6.7
28.1m	Gillanders Mahon	45	-4	...	1.9	4.2
2,980.0m	HSBC	475	+7	...	...	...
483.5m	Hambros	371	-4	...	14.9	4.0
31.4m	Joseph (Leopold)	468	...	...	21.1	5.2
39.2m	King & Shaxson	180	...	...	13.7	9.1
415.5m	Kleinwort Benson	351	●-4	...	21.5	6.8
4,181.0m	Lloyds	328	●-14	...	18.4	6.1
32.5m	Lon Scot Bk	57	...	...	3.7	6.5
1,724.0m	Midland	288	●-6	...	12.5	5.5
2,980.0m	Nat Asst Bk	298	↑+11	...	...	...
5,188.0m	Nat West	337	●-14	...	23.5	7.3

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Capitalisation and change on week

(Current market price multiplied by the number of shares in issue for the stock quoted)
ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings begin today. Dealings end May 17. §Contango day May 20. Settlement day May 28.
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Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
4,887.4m	Allied-Lyons	550	-16	23.4	4.8	10.9
3,404.0m	Bass	998	-14	43.2	4.5	9.8
158.8m	Boddington	158	●+2	8.0	5.1	10.5
194.2m	Bulmer (H P)	238	+7	10.6	4.5	17.9
89.8m	Burtonwood Brew	328	+5	9.1	2.8	17.7
113.4m	Devenish (JA)	209	+5	7.1	3.4	16.8
1,206.0m	Fosters Brewing Gp	84	...	...	...	...
7,869.9m	Grand Met	788	-8	27.3	3.5	14.9
402.8m	Greenall Whe	468	-15	12.9	2.8	15.1
169.5m	Greene King	459	+14	13.6	2.9	16.1
8,043.0m	Guinness	633	●-15	23.0	3.6	14.0
36.0m	Hardys & Hansons	395	+7	44.7	4.5	11.8
325.0m	Highland Dist	335	...	...	6.0	22.5
194.3m	Invergordon Dist	158	●+4	6.4	4.1	12.8
79.2m	Marstfield	448	+7	16.5	3.4	11.6
190.8m	Marston Thompson	327	...	5.5	2.6	17.5
35.9m	Matthew Clark	187	+2	10.0	5.5	13.4
48.0m	Morland	450	+12	16.0	3.5	14.5
2,358.4m	SA Breweries	875	...	...	...	...
1,488.0m	Scot & Newc	380	+4	18.0	4.8	13.5
317.5m	Vaux Grp	1,000	...	11.7	1.2	15.0
2,084.7m	Whitbread 'A'	488	-4	22.4	4.6	13.5
221.1m	Do 'B'	213½	...	22.4	1.5	14.2
353.0m	Wolverhampton & D	415	...	16.9	3.9	19.7
12.2m	Young 'A'	415	...	16.9	3.9	19.7

BUILDING, ROADS

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
27.1m	Abbey	78	...	...	...	...
431.8m	Amec	215	-16	13.5	6.3	10.5
18.8m	Anglia Sec	98	...	...	...	...
4,120.0m	Arnolds	238	-5	9.0	10.1	21.1
448.5m	Balfour Beatty	223	-5	15.0	6.7	20.9
822.0m	BPB Ind	382	...	15.5	8.7	9.5
41.1m	Baggeridge Brick	104	...	...	4.2	4.9
3,669.0m	Bailey (Geo) Constr	365	●...	1.5	4.5	3.7
212.8m	Barratt Dev	288	...	12.0	4.6	12.5
485.8m	Beazer PLC	171	●-12	10.3	6.0	8.9
67.0m	Bellway	332	-12	14.79	6.6	12.8
3,288.0m	Bemrose	374	...	...	...	...
186.2m	Berkeley Gp	310	-12	6.0	1.9	11.5
22.5m	Bett Bros	118	...	5.5	5.7	11.3
28.0m	Blockleys	118	...	6.4	5.4	10.9
1,348.7m	Blue Circle	348	●-5	16.0	5.2	9.8
30.3m	Bovis (Hldg)	240	-10	8.0	3.3	7.8
39.9m	Brewin PLC	139	●...	6.1	5.6	10.2
22.3m	Br Dredging	127	...	9.0	7.0	8.7
274.8m	Bryant	198	●-6	6.4	6.0	14.5
34.0m	CALA	145	...	4.5	4.5	12.8
686.5m	CRH	243	●-4	...	...	...
2,685.0m	Calebread Ridley	90	...	...	3.7	7.4
21.2m	Condor Grp	177	-1	10.0	5.6	...
488.5m	Costain	177	-1	15.0	8.5	...
44.9m	Countryside	135	...	...	5.5	4.4
61.2m	Crest Nicholson	197	-5	13.2	6.6	9.5
69.4m	Crouch (DG)	140	...	14.0	10.0	7.3
22.4m	Edmond Hldgs	44½	...	...	2.5	5.6
28.5m	Eith	94	...	...	5.2	7.8
289.3m	Everard Bardon	390	-2	...	7.5	7.8
2,918.0m	Fitzen Gp	331	...	...	...	...
74.6m	Galliford	91½	...	6.7	6.2	11.3
1,631.0m	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	318	...	...	...	...
93.6m	Gleeson (M J)	108	-3	14.0	13.0	10.3
3,350.0m	Glynwed Int	384	-4	19.7	5.1	10.8
7,934.0m	Harrison Ind	198	-1	8.5	13.1	4.3
157.2m	Hawtin-Stuart	118	...	4.0	4.6	8.5
169.2m	Haywood Williams	287	...	16.7	6.5	10.5
100.5m	Higgs & Hill	118	...	20.0	11.1	6.0
18.5m	Hollis Gp	98	...	4.8	12.8	8.4
5,022.0m	Howard Hldgs	138	...	...	...	8.5
188.7m	Hunlock Johnson	118	-1	8.0	6.8	10.8
16.7m	Ibstock	98	-1	5.0	5.1	9.8
141.8m	Laing (J)	318	-5	17.5	5.4	23.9
23.8m	Lawrence (Walter)	80	...	...	6.0	12.2
78.0m	Lilley	49	...	...	3.5	7.0
84.6m	Lovell (Y J)	318	...	...	11.9	5.0
69.4m	Lowndes	177	●-4	...	5.7	8.3
321.2m	Marley	115	...	...	8.5	7.4
84.0m	Marshalls	118	...	...	6.7	7.3
39.3m	Mcalpine (J)	98	...	...	6.5	9.8
91.3m	McAlpine (Alfred)	258	...	...	13.7	6.3
46.8m	McCarthy & S	118	...	...	1.3	1.4
419.2m	Meyer Int	228	●-15	20.7	6.3	10.3
288.6m	Mowlem (John)	188	-4	20.0	10.6	11.3
89.3m	Nuttall	118	...	4.7	3.9	8.5
182.6m	Newman Tonks	118	...	12.4	8.5	9.8
200.2m	Pershimon	118	-1	11.5	4.4	11.3
5,651.0m	Phoenix Timber	118	...	1.7	4.4	16.1
10.1m	Pochin	118	...	12.0	10.2	8.5
25.0m	Prowting	118	...	6.7	3.5	11.5
1,282.7m	RMC Gp	348	-5	26.7	4.0	11.2
140.4m	Ratns Ind	111	-1	7.7	6.9	9.0
1,888.1m	Redland	188	-4	23.0	6.8	11.5
443.1m	Rugby Group	158	-3	8.5	5.5	10.3
18.7m	Sharpe & Fisher	118	...	9.5	5.1	7.7
41.9m	Smallbid Ind	118	...	...	7.2	4.5
18.8m	Stewart (A)	118	...	...	9.6	5.1
35.6m	Stewart	118	...	...	...	...
599.4m	Stanley	198	...	...	18.7	5.2
1,749.6m	Tarmac	340	-5	15.0	6.3	14.4
28.7m	Tay Homes	118	...	6.4	5.5	6.5
618.1m	Taylor Woodrow	288	...	12.7	5.2	14.6
144.1m	Tilbury Group	188	...	4.6	2.5	12.1
282.6m	Travis Perkins	288	...	10.7	4.7	16.6
11.4m	Try Group	118	...	6.0	14.5	7.2
5,483.0m	Tunnel	458	...	8.7	4.4	8.4
50.6m	Vibroplant	118	...	4.5	4.4	8.4
48.8m	Ward Group	118	...	4.5	4.6	7.7
44.2m	Ward Hldgs	118	...	8.5	...	...
15.4m	Watts Blake	118	...	5.0	5.2	14.9
57.2m	Westbury	178	...	12.0	6.9	4.5
5,661.0m	Wiggins	97	...	...	...	...
305.6m	Wilson Bowden	288	...	11.1	2.8	11.9
350.4m	Wilson (Connolly)	288	...	12.6	6.0	17.3
896.5m	Wimpey G	237	●-5	14.0	6.5	24.9
9,698.0m	YRM	73	...	6.7	9.2	5.4

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
409.8m	Allied Colloids	157	-6	4.5	2.7	15.2
185.5m	Amersham	308	-5	15.7	4.2	22.2
59.4m	Anglo Ltd	28	...	1.9	4.5	6.7
169.5m	BTP	237	-2	11.2	5.4	15.4
6,174.0m	Bayer DM50	399	...	...	...	...
85.8m	Bongston	148	●-2	...	12.7	6.1
66.8m	Brent Chems	98	...	...	6.1	11.5
49.2m	Cabot Gp	77	●+1	...	5.2	9.1
37.5m	Canning (W)	98	●-16	...	6.7	7.2
246.4m	Ciba	1,000	...	14.7	7.3	13.6
139.1m	Elis & Everard	138	...	...	6.4	4.7
5,066.0m	European Colour	117	...	...	6.8	5.6
69.6m	Exide	117	...	...	7.4	10.5
68.5m	Hansard (James)	284	...	34.0	14.3	7.8
188.6m	Hickson	161	●-7	10.7	6.5	9.8
5,279.0m	Hoechst DM50	399	...	...	...	...
7,309.8m	Imp Chem Ind	1,000	...	23.0	6.0	9.2
999.3m	Laporte	548	...	24.7	4.1	12.9
201.8m	Leigh	118	...	6.7	5.5	20.7
3,230.1m	Norsk Hydro	218	...	...	...	...
66.7m	Rentokil Initial	288	...	10.7	3.5	11.2
1,041.3m	Sandoz	1,000	...	...	...	...
—	Do 'A'	1,000	...	12.7	1.2	11.5
68.1m	Plysu	118	...	5.1	4.3	11.5
1,041.3m	Sandoz	1,000	...	...	...	...
—	Scottish Spelthorne	227	...	...	2.7	...
87.3m	Tarmac	141	...	5.0	3.5	10.4
76.4m	Wards Stanyre plc	218	●-28	28.0	6.5	11.5
18.8m	Whessoe(no New Ord)	118	...	21.7	18.4	5.5
68.5m	Yorkshire Chem	118	...	10.0	12.1	5.7
111.7m	Yule Catto	138	...	6.1	4.5	9.5

DRAPERY, STORES

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
184.8m	Alexon	578	+10	19.5	3.4	13.4
84.4m	Amber Day	98	...	9.0	9.2	8.2
669.5m	Argos Plc	288	-4	9.0	3.1	18.0
167.7m	Arnsby (Laura)	118	...	...	...	...
10.8m	Arnold Reed	118	...	12.7	8.4	10.6
67.4m	Austin (James) 'A'	143	...	8.0	5.7	11.8
78.6m	Bambu	118	...	6.7	5.7	8.2
17.4m	Beales Lds	118	...	5.0	4.2	8.5
470.3m	Body Shop	284	-16	1.5	0.5	51.9
3.8m	Bremner	118	...	...	...	...
58.2m	Brown & Jackson	118	...	7.0	5.9	8.4
137.2m	Brown (N)	118	-1	7.5	6.3	14.7
688.6m	Burton	118	...	8.5	7.2	9.5
18.6m	Dalgety 'A'	118	...	8.5	5.5	8.5
2,097.0m	Dansel Plc	118	...	...	...	...
33.6m	Davis	118	...	...	...	...
746.7m	Dixons	118	...	8.5	5.5	12.5
64.5m	Dolcis Vyella	118	...	8.5	5.5	12.5
16.0m	Dowthwaite	118	...	8.5	5.5	12.5
734.0m	Ekcno Gp	118	...	8.5	5.5	12.5
725.6m	Empire	118	...	8.5	5.5	12.5
5,300.0m	Env (Middleton)	118	...	8.5	5.5	12.5
49.3m	Empire Stores	118	...	8.5	5.5	12.5
19.2m	Fine Art Dev	118	...	8.5	5.5	12.5
5,660.0m	Fired Earth Tiles	118	...	8.5	5.5	12.5
5,660.0m	Forshaw	118	...	8.5	5.5	12.5
3,130.0m	Ralph (AP) 'A'	118	...	8.5	5.5	12.5
5,787.0m	Gabb Wrdlaw	118	...	8.5	5.5	12.5
83.1m	Cambridge Elec	118	...	8.5	5.5	12.5
35.7m	Chloride	118	...	8.5	5.5	12.5
21.8m	Computer People	118	...	8.5	5.5	12.5
78.6m	Cray Elect	118	...	8.5	5.5	12.5

HOTELS, CATERERS

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
83.4m	City Centre Rest	118	...	8.5	5.5	12.5
3,457.0m	Dobson PLC	118	...	8.5	5.5	12.5
1,211.0m	Friendly Hotels	118	...	8.5	5.5	12.5
2,313.0m	Ladbroke	118	...	8.5	5.5	12.5
208.8m	Mandarin Oriental	118	...	8.5	5.5	12.5
9,853.0m	Principal Hotels	118	...	8.5	5.5	12.5
1,000.0m	Queens Moat	118	...	8.5	5.5	12.5
488.8m	Resort Hotels	118	...	8.5	5.5	12.5
225.1m	Savoy Hotels 'A'	118	...	8.5	5.5	12.5
488.8m	Shiloh	118	...	8.5	5.5	12.5
2,114.8m	Trusthse F	118	...	8.5	5.5	12.5

INDUSTRIALS A-D

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
33.3m	AAF Ltr	171	...	11.0	6.4	8.4
242.9m	AAH	388	-12	18.8	6.3	11.7
6,466.0m	ADT	198	●-5½	...	...	...
16.3m	AIM	138	+4	2.7	1.9	11.9
13.7m	APB	118	...	2.7	10.5	3.9
316.7m	APV	288	●-5	7.5	2.6	12.1
177.1m	ASW	288	●-5	10.5	3.6	7.3
89.8m	Ackrill	288	...	9.3	10.0	6.5
16.9m	Aerospace Eng	118	...	4.5	7.5	10.0
88.8m	Alexandra Wheel	118	...	8.7	4.5	11.5
98.0m	Alumasc	118	...	12.5	4.5	10.0
12.9m	Amtrol Int	118	...	21.5	6.7	8.3
972.0m	Ansbacher	118	...	...	8.0	10.5
168.8m	Anteligenin	518	●-15	18.0	3.7	8.7
9,248.0m	Arjuzor	118	●-15	1.5	5.3	6.0
32.1m	Ash & Lacy	128	...	8.5	6.3	8.2
6,787.0m	Ass Br Eng	2½	...	0.1	5.3	8.2
68.7m	Avon Rubber	288	...	8.0	5.1	8.5
7,280.0m	Ayrshire Metal	128	●-4	3.7	2.9	8.5
388.0m	BBA	188	●-2	10.0	5.8	7.8
1,243.0m	BET	187	+2	17.7	10.6	6.7
287.4m	BIC Gp	338	●-4	4.0	1.2	12.8
2,858.0m	BOC	388	-15	23.3	4.7	12.9
114.8m	BSG	118	...	4.5	7.7	12.9
69.1m	BSS Group	118	...	23.0	6.9	7.1
6,883.0m	BTR	388	●-14	21.6	6.5	12.1
1,883.0m	BW	288	●-4	8.0	2.8	12.1
391.8m	Babcock	118	...	4.0	7.2	8.7
2,578.0m	Bailey (CH)	118	...	11.9	4.8	10.7
340.1m	Baird (Wm)	118	...	...	...	...
1,387.7m	Barlow Rand	788	+52	...	...	...
39.3m	Barrett (D)	118	...	7.5	6.5	8.5
72.8m	Barrett (Charles)	118	...	1.5	2.7	18.8
16.4m	Basildon	118	...	8.15	5.5	8.4
—	Bardex	118	...	8.15	...	...
1,086.3m	Bebcock	118	...	8.15	...	...
54.0m	Bespak	118	...	8.15	2.8	10.1
184.5m	Bibby (J)	118	...	12.0	7.4	8.2
1,877.8m	Bibby (Hldgs)	118	...	8.4	5.4	8.8
45.4m	Bisset Ind	118	...	1.5	2.9	16.8
6,800.0m	Black Arrow	118	...	8.15	5.5	8.5
71.2m	Black (Peter)	118	...	8.15	5.5	8.5
5,274.0m	Blackwood	118	...	11.7	4.4	8.7
3,574.3m	Bodie	118	-12	15.0	4.1	18.1
3,400.0m	Booth Ind	118	+1	4.3	8.1	8.6
22.0m	Bowmer	118	...	2.2	4.4	8.2
938.0m	Bowser	118	●-34½	28.0%	6.6	11.8
417.2m	Bowster Inv	118	...	...	...	...
16.4m	Brahtsmith	118	-11	8.2	8.0	8.8
10.7m	Brassey	118	...	1.0	7.1	8.8
88.5m	Brewster	118	●-2	17.3	7.5	12.5

ELECTRICITY

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
416.4m	East Midlands	191	-11	28.1	6.1	11.9
488.2m	Eastern Elect	288	-5	28.1	6.8	10.1
1,488.0m	London Elect	288	-5	28.1	6.8	12.7
288.2m	Manweb	288	-5	21.3	5.7	11.2
404.1m	Midlands Elec	288	-5	28.1	6.8	10.6
248.1m

GILT-EDGED

UK yields may yet converge on EC average

The returns from the gilt-edged market over the past 12 months, at about 27 per cent, comfortably exceed the 18 per cent or so provided by equities. There are few who would bet that the next 12 months will repeat this outperformance but this does not mean gilts cannot continue to be re-rated. This should be assisted by our involvement with the ERM.

The point though is that this re-rating will probably be a lengthy affair, in contrast to the effects on the market of the rapid changes in economic conditions witnessed over the past year.

Twelve months ago the consensus economic forecast for 1991 growth was plus 2.3 per cent. It now seems more likely the sign will be reversed with *negative* growth for this year of at least 2 per cent. The consensus inflation forecast for the second quarter of 1991 a year ago was 5 per cent with an average rate of 5.5 per cent for the year as a whole. The results now seem likely to be modestly higher. Moreover, there has been remarkably little reduction in the longer-term inflation forecasts.

The speed of the economy's move into recession has thus been the dominant influence on gilt pricing, not changes to inflation. The move into budget deficit, a natural consequence of this recession, has constrained long gilt yields from falling.

Indeed, given the likelihood of the budget deficit trending up for two years at least, there is a case for believing bond yields may need to be higher to compensate adequately for these additional risks. But a 20-year yield of 10.25-10.5 per cent (now 9.9 per cent) seems to us to be more than adequate compensation for such risks.

Looking beyond any such correction, the market is offered the hope that the return of a fixed exchange rate system within Europe will act to constrain the inflation risks, thus ensuring the convergence of nominal yields. If one accepts the expectations recorded by the Consensus Economics Group, *real* bond yields in Europe have already converged.

Subtracting the ten-year average inflation forecast from present bond yields produces a 6 per cent real yield for France and 5.7 per cent for both Germany and Britain. The problem for the foreign exchange market is that this remains significantly higher than the 4 per cent for America and Japan, hence casting doubt on the sustainability of dollar strength relative to the mark and yen.

The problem for Europe is that a 5-6 per cent real yield is much higher than the productive growth rate for these economies. But this does imply high intrinsic value in the European bond market, a fact recognised by the growth of specialist investment funds for this area.

British gilts should benefit from the necessary reduction in real yields, but will the risk factors historically associated with British bonds also now reduce?

These risk factors can be represented by two influences — conditions within Britain's labour market and the stance of fiscal policy.

Together these have explained most of the difference in recent years in inflation and risk premiums between Britain and its European neighbours. The size and changes in the budget deficit are, however, inadequate measures of fiscal stance. Our preferred guide is the stock of gross government debt relative to GDP. This obviously declined rapidly during the years of budget surpluses.

Indeed, since 1987 Britain has had a lower ratio of debt to GDP than the average for EC members. This is in sharp contrast to the Seventies when this ratio was nearly 50 per cent higher than the European average. Even allowing for the return of a budget deficit equivalent to 1-2 per cent of GDP, this ratio of debt to GDP will still be 30 per cent lower than the *expected* EEC average for the next two years. Britain's credit rating implied by this measure alone is therefore much improved.

The same cannot be said about the labour market, where the lack of flexibility remains a concern. The unemployment/wage trade-off is not regarded as a reliable gauge of any structural changes to the labour market but anecdotal evidence would suggest that private sector employers are now adopting a more aggressive stance to wage claims than at the same stage of earlier cycles.

However, this cannot be said about the public sector. A return to fixed exchange rates could well provide the discipline required within the private sector but it is difficult to see how it will affect the public sector without a completely new initiative. Should this be forthcoming, it is likely the inflation and uncertainty premium applied to British bonds would swiftly fall towards the European average. Indeed it is not impossible to envisage British long bond yields no higher than the equivalent for Germany this time next year.

MICHAEL HUGHES
BZW Strategy

Wellcome shifts focus from AZT

WELLCOME, the pharmaceuticals group headed by Sir Alistair Frame, the chairman, and John Robb, the chief executive, should report a solid performance despite adverse currency movements.

The group, which reports its interim figures on Thursday, will benefit from the strong growth in the sales of Zovirax, the anti-herpes drug, which makes up a significant part of profits. Zovirax's sales are expected to continue to grow at about 20 per cent a year.

Sales of Retrovir, the anti-Aids drug, are expected to be flat and could be viewed as disappointing. Sales of the drug in America, which accounts for the bulk of sales, have not been as buoyant as some forecasts had suggested.

There have been some suggestions that AZT, the generic name for Retrovir, which is the only officially approved anti-Aids drug in America, has not been as effective as had been believed at first.

Barbara Arzymanow, an analyst at Kleinwort Benson, is looking for interim pre-tax profits of £170 million, against £164.1 million last time. Market forecasts range from £160 million to £175 million. Earnings per share are expected to climb to 12.3p (11.5p) despite the currency effects.

News is awaited on Mr Robb's plans for the group in the light of recent cost-cutting and divestments, which have been part of his refocusing strategy.

TODAY

Interims: Barplats Mines, Lowland Investment Company, TR Far East Income Trust.
Finals: Laser-Scan Holdings, Mayflower Corporation, Moss Bros, Wensum.

TOMORROW

Interims: Gencor (UK).
Finals: Addison Consultancy Group, Everest Bardon, Futura Holdings, Greenacre Group, March Group, S&U Stores.
Economic statistics: London sterling certificates of deposit (March), monetary statistics (including bank and building society balance sheets) (March), Bill turnover statistics (March), sterling commercial paper (March), CBI industrial trends survey (March), new vehicle registrations (March).

WEDNESDAY

The **Bank of Scotland** should essentially achieve strong growth in pre-provision profits, with a double-digit increase expected to be accompanied by one of the best cost-to-income ratios of any bank, with the exception of Abbey National. However, exceptional provisions will result in a decline in the headline profit figure.

Final pre-tax profits are expected to fall to £150 million, compared with £194 million last time, according to UBS Phillips & Drew.

Market forecasts range from £135 million to £165 million. A 13 per cent increase in the dividend to 5.2p has been predicted.

A high level of provisions, mostly domestic, will take its toll on the half-year profits at the **Royal Bank of Scotland**, Scotland's largest clearing bank, which is chaired by George Younger. In addition, analysts expect a deterioration in cost-to-income ratios.

Michael Lever, a banking analyst at Smith New Court, forecasts pre-tax profits of about £60 million, against £174 million last time. This is towards the lower end of market forecasts, which range from £60 million to £107 million. Mr Lever expects the interim dividend to be raised to 3.1p (2.8p), thanks to the bank's strong capital ratios.

Trading at **Silentnight Holdings**, the furniture manufacturer that claims to be Europe's biggest maker of beds, is understood to be holding up well. County NatWest, the broker, expects final pre-tax profits to advance from £7.4 million to £10.5 million.

Interims: Drayton Asia Trust, Ensign Trust, Fenner, Philips' Lamps Holding (first quarter), Royal Bank of Scotland Group, Scottish Cities Investment Trust.
Finals: Bank of Scotland, Bank of Wales, Black (A&C), Jerome (S) & Sons, Shiloh, Silentnight Holdings, Starmin.
Economic statistics: Overseas travel and tourism (January-February), advance energy statistics (March), bricks and cement productions and deliveries (first quarter – provisional).

THURSDAY

Kwik Save Group, the food retailing company headed by Graeme Seabrook, is expected to announce a healthy advance in interim profits, confirming its strong trading.

Julian Hardwick, an analyst at Barclays de Zoete Wedd, has pencilled in pre-tax profits of £47 million for the half year, against £39.5 million last time. Market forecasts are in a relatively narrow range, between £47 million and £49 million.

The figures will confirm a good recovery from the comparative period last time, which was depressed by exceptional charges. Kwik Save, which recently said it was buying 42 Gateway stores in the Northeast for £26.5 million, should benefit from "excellent sales growth".

First-half sales are likely to be up by 16 per cent to 17 per cent, with inflation contributing 6 per cent to 7 per cent and new space about 2 per cent to 3 per cent. Mr Hardwick expects strong volume growth, at about 8 per cent.

Interims: Blenheim Group, Kwik Save Group, Wellcome.
Finals: BDA Holdings, Cakebread Robey, Forward Group, Huntleigh Technology, Inch Kenneth Kajang Rubber, Rainbone Brothers.
Economic statistics: UK official reserves (April).

FRIDAY

Weak advertising revenues and an increase in the exchequer levy will restrict growth at **Scottish Television**, which has the franchise for central Scotland and is chaired by Sir Campbell Fraser.

However, STV's resilience to the advertising recession should prove greater than most of the other television companies, thanks to a strong local economy and improving productivity.

Jane Anscombe at BZW is looking for virtually unchanged final pre-tax profits of £11 million (£11.1 million). Market forecasts range from £10 million to 11.6 million.

Interims: None announced.
Finals: Scottish Television, Upton & Southern Holdings.
Economic statistics: Cyclical indicators for the UK economy (April).

PHILIP PANGALOS

REPORTING THIS WEEK



George Younger: making provision at Royal Bank

Scots gain most from training

By PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

GOVERNMENT bodies that promote enterprise and training are having a broader impact on local economies in Scotland than in England and Wales, reports the London School of Economics.

In Scotland, local enterprise companies (Lecs) are handling the issue, with training and enterprise councils (Tecs) in place in England and Wales.

Lecs originally caused unease among Whitehall policy-makers as they were set up after a direct intervention by Mrs Thatcher.

Unlike in England and Wales, they pull together some of the powers of the Training Agency and the former Scottish Development Agency, rated by industrialists as an effective mechanism for attracting inward and other investment to Scotland.

The LSE study concludes that almost all the Lecs have gone further than Tecs "in developing a more major impact on the broad physical economic development of their areas".

Ministers to debate electronics

Brussels

EUROPEAN Community industry ministers will debate the plight of Europe's electronics and information technology sector today amid pressure for urgent steps to keep it in the race with Japan and America.

The Luxembourg meeting will give ministers their first chance to react to last month's European Commission report, which urged the industry to restructure to become more competitive.

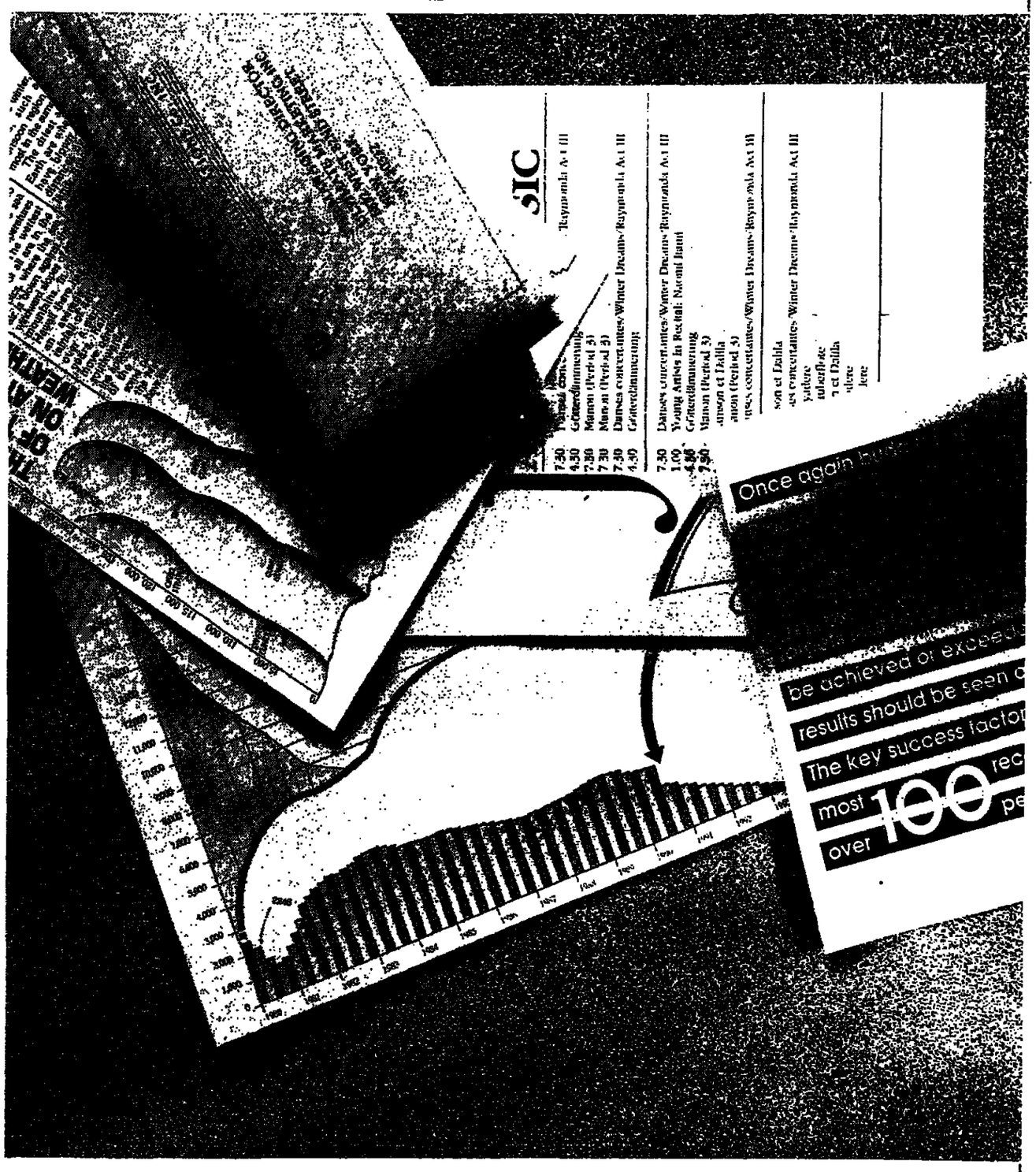
Jacques Delors, commission president, has held a series of meetings with leading electronics executives, and Filipo Maria Pandolfi, the research commissioner, has spoken of putting Europe's semiconductor production in the hands of one company.

With EC companies such as Philips Gloeilampenfabrieken of the Netherlands and the state-owned Compagnie des Machines Bull of Francefacing big financial losses, the commission has stressed the need for economies of scale in competing with mainly Japanese rivals.

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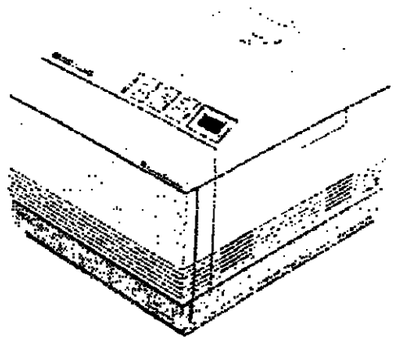


There really are only two ways to get top quality without leaving your desk.

The first is to get yourself promoted to Chairman so you can get a desk so huge it can comfortably house a medium sized print works. The other is fortunately much simpler: get yourself a personal printer from Hewlett-Packard.

They've just unveiled their most advanced 4 ppm model: the brand new HP LaserJet IIIP. It uses HP advanced PCL5 printer language for font scaling and vector graphics to create high impact documents. And with Resolution Enhancement technology it produces the blackest blacks, the sharpest letters and smoothest curves ever seen on such a compact laser printer.

On the other hand, the HP DeskJet 500 inkjet printer offers laser quality output at a dot matrix price. And yet the HP DeskJet 500 is so quiet you can hear a pin drop while you produce superb documents at your desk.



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THE POSSIBILITY MADE REALITY.

Investors could face rough ride

SMALLER COMPANIES

IN SPITE of the improved performance of smaller company shares and reassuring signs of renewed institutional demand, investors would be mistaken to expect a smooth ride.

Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker, has published an analysis of the state of the balance sheet of a representative selection of smaller companies.

The study paints a grim picture devoid of dividend growth and featuring a continued squeeze on operating margins, resulting in substantial reductions in capital expenditure. Debt as a percentage of shareholders' funds still looks alarmingly high.

The aggregation of 39 companies selected by Laing, each with a market capitalisation of less than £300 million and operating in diverse sectors, shows that after a sales increase of 20 per cent in 1989, growth fell to just 3 per cent last year, a decline in real terms. Sales growth of 12 per cent is forecast for this year.

The analysis also highlights a progressive fall in aggregated operating margins from 10 per cent in 1988 to an estimated 8 per cent this year, which may prove too high for a recessionary period. Laing says that a further percentage point off margins could eliminate estimated profits growth of around 15 per cent for the current year.

Capital expenditure by the selected companies was down from £561.1 million in 1989 to £467 million last year and is expected to fall again this year to £377.7 million, well below 1988 levels. Gearing remains a heavier burden for smaller companies and the aggregated level of 40 per cent to 50 per cent compares with half that level for larger companies.

Dividend growth will be negligible this year, no higher than 2 per cent, Laing says, after an unexpectedly generous increase of 16 per cent last year. Go for companies that remain cash-generative or have successfully raised funds.

MARTIN BARROW

UNLISTED SECURITIES

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
1,783,000	ASB Bernet	28	..	..	..	..
21.4m	ASD	78	..	..	..	5.2
2,548,000	ATA Selection	18	-½	1.3b	8.1	..
7,727,000	Aberdeen Pet	15	-½	..	..	30.0
3,120,000	Aberdeen Stk Hse	28	-2	..	..	46.1
27.5m	Acal	200	..	6.6	3.3	11.0
6,691,000	Acorn Comp	12	..	..	..	5.4
13.3m	Ahrsprung	146	+10	7.8	5.4	11.2
28.6m	Alan Paul	141	..	4.1	2.9	14.1
2,402,000	Allbright	38	..	..	..	5.1
31.5m	Allen	136	+1	8.4	4.8	8.2
17.6m	Ald Leisure	101	●-1	5.7	5.6	7.2
1,481,000	Amberley Gp	23	-1	2.0	8.7	6.7
67.1m	Amer Bus Sys	178	+4	3.5	2.0	8.5
13.9m	Anglo Pac Res	16	●4	..	..	..
5,329,000	Apollo Watch Prods	10½	-½	0.7	6.7	8.7
20.9m	Asp Holographics	140	-20	..	..	..
28.7m	Ashstead	160	..	5.8b	3.4	6.9
20.0m	Aspen Comms	158	+2	10.8b	7.0	7.3
234.7m	Aspray	285	-10	5.8	2.0	16.7
969,000	Assoc Energy	3½	-½	..	..	..
1,758,000	Assoc Farmers	41	+1	..	..	..
5,333,000	Assoc Nursing	118	-1	4.0	3.4	13.4
2,633,000	Atlantic Sec	13	..	..	..	23.6
61.4m	Atlas Equipment	760	●+5	28.0	3.7	16.9
1,747,000	Auth General	5	..	0.4	8.0	..
2,624,000	Automagic	46	●+1	1.9	4.1	12.3
1,397,000	BBS Design	24	..	2.8e	11.7	4.4
1,533,000	BCI	5½	..	..	..	..
8,757,000	BLP Group	28	..	0.4	1.7	7.4
8,580,000	BWD	58	..	2.5	4.6	17.2
3,097,000	Beaverco	36	-½	..	..	..
16.7m	Beckenham	42	+1	●	9.8	5.5
1,235,000	Benford (William)	28	..	●	..	..
9,913,000	Bensons Crisps	131	● ..	8.7	2.8	10.5
3,899,000	Berry Birch & Noble	62	-½	..	..	..
45.4m	Better Cons Prods	227	+27	9.7	3.8	27.9
3,288,000	Bilston&Battersea	78	● ..	4.0	5.1	15.2
5,212,000	Bio Isolates	27	..	..	..	12.2
15.7m	Blogden	11	-½	..	..	..
2,380,000	Blenchley Motors	80	..	10.5	13.1	8.4
5,216,000	Bluebird Toys	98	+5	..	..	..
3,896,000	Border TV	380½	-1	2.8	7.3	16.2
442.1m	Borland	233	-1½	..	..	..
17.3m	Boxmore Int	180	● ..	8.5	5.3	7.9
1,740,000	Br Bloodstock	45	-10	..	..	5.8
2,751,000	Br Thornton	15	..	..	..	..
9,348,000	Brandon Hdgs	82	..	4.0	7.7	10.8
15.6m	Buls Resources	3½	..	..	..	65.0
13.1m	Business Tech	69	+5	5.3	7.7	4.2
1,107,000	C2C Gp	7	..	0.7	10.0	5.4
28.0m	CML Micro	218	+32	2.1	1.4	14.2
3,277,000	CPU Comp	19	..	0.8	4.2	11.5
16.6m	Cap & Regional	128	..	1.2	0.8	..
28.0m	Capita Gp	208	● -4	4.0	2.9	16.4
10.2m	Carron Phoenix	96	..	1.5	2.0	75.0
3,078,000	Cassidy Bros	57	-1	1.0	1.8	..
14.8m	Castle Comm	240	● -5	11.3	4.7	10.0
14.5m	Central Motor	109	..	4.7	4.3	10.5
4,515,000	Chartwell	74	..	0.3	0.4	5.8
4,829,000	Chelsea Man	44	..	4.6	10.5	..
8,942,000	Chieftain Group	107	..	8.1	5.7	14.2
1,895,000	City & West	9½	..	..	..	..
3,617,000	City of Lon	47	..	3.9	8.3	8.0
8,490,000	Clarke Foods	57	..	2.7	4.7	11.3
8,859,000	Clarke Hooper	86	..	8.5	10.2	3.4
1,678,000	Clearmark	1½	..	..	..	..
9,287,000	Colorgen Inc	14	-½	..	..	..
18.8m	Colorgraphic	102	● ..	9.2	9.0	11.2
23.4m	Colourvision	165	..	7.5	4.5	14.7
2,618,000	Co of Designers	16	-2	0.3	2.0	..
1,155,000	Comac	18	..	..	..	..
39.2m	Conroy Pet	94	..	..	..	..
4,022,000	Cook (DC)	116	-5	1.6e	2.3	3.0
1,920,000	Cooper Clarke	35	..	2.0	9.0	2.3
4,884,000	Copyzone	43	-½	3.3	7.7	8.8
9,229,000	Corp Services	2½	..	..	..	..
18.1m	Crampborn	119	● -2	2.8	2.4	15.8
1,481,000	Cranbrook	15	..	..	..	..
6,798,000	Cranswick	100	..	7.5	7.5	11.7
8,251,000	Crabon Lodge	2	..	..	..	..
9,297,000	Creighton Rd	205	-5	7.7	3.8	58.2
19.2m	Crestmock Cl Gp	52	..	●	..	..
11.4m	Crown Com.	40	-½	2.0	5.0	..
1,580,000	Crown Eye	85	..	4.0	4.7	7.2
2,449,000	Davies (DY)	32	..	..	..	2.8
2,580,000	Delmer	73	..	..	..	14.1
6,093,000	Dennans Elec	140	..	7.5	5.4	10.8
——	Diamond Gp	..	..	1.5†	..	..
27.3m	Dolphin Packaging	141	● +20	6.7	4.8	12.9
35.1m	Drum	555	● ..	11.2	2.0	14.0
1,936,000	Duston	7½	..	..	..	..
8,130,000	Dudley Jenkins	105	..	5.2	5.0	15.5
4,676,000	Dumaro (DG)	25	-10	2.7	10.8	5.5
9,594,000	EW Fact	180	● ..	5.1	3.9	14.5
3,715,000	Eadie	13	-1	..	..	4.8
4,068,000	EPG	26	-½	1.7	8.5	..
9,099,000	Edin Oil & Gas	78	..	..	..	..
20.6m	Eldridge Pope 'A'	198	..	5.1	5.1	..
19.2m	Elsoft	102	● ..	8.5	7.0	7.9
24.9m	Em Group	256	..	11.5	4.4	8.4
17.9m	Expedier Plc	40	-5	0.7	1.8	14.3
17.7m	Explorus Hldgs	20	+3½	..	..	..
98.0m	Fairhaven Int	187½	●-1½	●	..	..
7,454,000	Fairway London	51	-1	4.0	7.9	10.5
33.6m	Ferepak	307	+2	8.5	2.8	18.5
5,884,000	Feupel	71	..	6.5	9.2	6.5
2,800,000	Feedback	35	-½	..	..	12.2
4,084,000	Ferrosteel	2	..	..	..	2.8
15.7m	Field (Mrs)	10½	-½	●	..	..
6,471,000	Flotex	29	..	..	..	..
22.2m	Firebond	16	..	..	..	24.4
92.0m	Firebrech	139	-½	1.3	0.9	13.5
10.9m	Ford Seller	24	..	..	..	0.6
3,765,000	Forward Gp	32	+2	1.3	2.5	..
91.2m	Freezer Gp	173	-6	13.5	5.5	10.1
9,838,000	French Conn	82	..	3.5	5.8	44.3
85.7m	Fuller Smith 'A'	425	+2	7.7	1.8	18.5
5,903,000	GCF Gp	25	..	2.3	9.2	..
7,103,000	GWR Gp	237	-1	6.6	2.4	14.5
9,942,000	Gabbitas	98	●+9	5.3	5.0	7.5
7,266,000	Gibbon Lyons	103	..	8.6	7.8	6.9
10.3m	Gibbs Mew	188	-10	9.6	4.8	74.0
28.7m	Global Gp	34	● ..	0.7	2.9	8.0
22.4m	Great Southern	130	+1	11.3	8.7	13.7
11.0m	Green (Ernest)	144	● ..	9.5	6.5	5.5
8,223,000	Greenacre	9	..	0.5	3.3	32.1
490,000	Greenwich Comms	7	..	..	..	..
1,950,000	Gridsborne	7	..	0.1	..	..
13.5m	Hadleigh Inds	187	..	8.5	4.4	9.8
829,000	Halle Romas	7	..	..	..	..
3,743,000	Hampden Homecare	25	+2	0.3	1.2	12.5
7,188,000	Handley Walker	39	●+6	10.7	10.8	7.4
1,908,000	Harcourt	6	..	..	..	..
3,891,000	Harmony Leisure	15	-1	..	..	..
10.4m	Hawthorn Leslie	5½	..	..	..	3.6
5,894,000	Heaclime	225	-1	4.1	1.8	28.2
8,181,000	do 'A' LV	178	..	4.1	2.3	22.5
1,650,000	Heritage	34	+1	..	..	..
5,840,000	Hewetson	85	..	6.0	7.1	5.2
2,903,000	Hey & Croft	24	..	..	..	..
1,663,000	Hickere	60	-2	..	..	7.3

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4,203,000	Hobson	10½	-½	..	..	..
2,495,000	Holders Tech	80	● ..	8.0	10.0	8.4
2,438,000	Honeysuckle Gp	80	+1	..	..	..
19.4m	Hornby	286	●-8	12.0	4.1	7.9
5,133,000	Hughes Food	7	-2½	..	..	2.7
14.7m	Humbleigh Tech	174	..	3.5	1.9	24.4
4,856,000	INSTEM	108	..	3.5	3.5	7.3
7,092,000	Intl Cosmo	17	-½	..	..	..
1,391,000	Ibex Hldgs	10	-6	2.7	27.0	0.9
18.5m	Incoo	6	-½	..	..	..
6,817,000	Intercare	70	..	1.7	2.4	..
29.0m	Interlink Express	176	..	11.2	6.3	7.4
7,032,000	Intl Comm & Data	17	-½	..	..	..
8,494,000	Intl Media	3¾	..	..	..	..
6,659,000	Ints Resort	40	..	..	..	4.3
1,547,000	JMD Group	3	..	..	..	4.9
1,105,000	Jacop (PE)	2	..	..	..	..
7,265,000	Kenners Res	16	-1½	..	..	..
24.0m	Kewill Systems	250	+4	8.0	2.4	9.2
5,481,000	LPA Ind	61	..	4.7	7.7	10.5
14.0m	Lambert	280	● ..	15.0	5.8	7.5
3,677,000	Lease-Scan	90	..	..	..	..
9,363,000	Lewis Plc	68	+19	1.5	2.2	22.7
1,800,000	Lidw	36	..	1.5	3.6	46.2
5,295,000	Lincoln	75	..	6.8	9.1	6.4
886,000	Lincoln Hse	5½	..	..	..	1.4
13.7m	Lon & Clydeside	152	..	8.9	6.1	8.7
115.0m	Lon Forfaiting	116	-6	6.7	5.4	20.3
9,988,000	M	68	-2	4.0	4.5	8.7
32.5m	MTL Instruments	188	● ..	3.7	2.0	13.5
9,833,000	Magnetic Materials	68	+4	4.0	7.7	8.5
3,784,000	Marsh Gp	18	..	..	..	..
9,433,000	Marylebone	13	-½	●	..	3.5
1,580,000	Maskprint	4½	..	..	..	..
10.1m	Maybom	82	● ..	3.1	3.8	8.4
32.2m	Mentor-Gwain	295	● ..	9.2	3.9	8.7
1,068,000	Merchant Mant Est	4	-½	..	..	..
27.7m	Merrydown Wine	430	+1	8.3	2.2	20.5
18.1m	Metal Bulletin	145	+1	8.2	5.4	12.5
24.8m	Metsec	162	● ..	8.3	5.2	9.4
17.2m	Microlec	131	..	5.5n	4.2	11.1
7,667,000	Microvisc	18	-½	0.4	2.2	..
18.0m	Midland Scot Res	113	-5	..	..	..
3,305,000	Miele Gp	17	..	2.5	19.5	4.3
6,126,000	Morris Ashby	75	..	5.5	7.3	8.6
12.3m	Mowat	13	+½	0.7	5.4	12.2
10.3m	New England Props	11	..	..	..	9.2
270,000	Dir 10%	230	..	..	1000	11.1
2,078,000	Norbain	30	..	0.9	3.0	12.4
11.3m	Northumbrian Fire	48	..	2.0	4.2	..
601,000	Oakcombdon	2	..	..	..	..
6,851,000	Osborne & Little	97	..	7.7	7.9	8.7
5,328,000	PCT	120	..	8.0	6.7	10.4
3,841,000	Pacer Systems	73	● ..	..	..	..
3,722,000	Paramount	10½	..	..	..	13.5
1,580,000	Pathfinders	8½	..	●	..	..
11.1m	Pegasus	187	..	10.1	5.3	6.8
30.8m	Pelle Group	113	+1	8.7	7.7	4.8
40.5m	Pict Pet	110	..	..	..	17.2
2,000,000	Pleadeal	20	..	4.8	7.5	12.2
3,088,000	Plexus	39	..	..	..	5.5
1,998,000	Porth Gp	13	-½	0.7	5.4	..
11.9m	Porvair	98	-2	4.0	4.1	8.4
3,840,000	Prism Leisure	99	..	8.0	8.3	17.8
1,027,000	Property Trust	1	..	..	..	..
16.2m	Pulsa	74	● ..	3.2	4.3	69.2
12.1m	Qelligold	48	..	2.9	6.9	9.8
2,251,000	RMT Gp	5½	+1	..	..	..
5,917,000	Radio City 'A'	387	-5	14.0	4.9	13.5
17.5m	Radio Clyde	276	-4	11.8	4.0	12.7
14.1m	Radius	82	● ..	3.6	6.9	8.4
5,800,000	Renco Oil	57	+1	2.7	4.7	14.4
3,472,000	Resmor	75	..	..	..	..
14.7m	Rathbone Bros	182	..	9.3	4.9	10.5
3,980,000	Real Time Control	58	..	1.3	2.3	..

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1,496,000	Regal Hotels	14	..	7.8	55.7	..
2,181,000	Regina Health	2¼	..	..	..	..
25.6m	Reliance Sec	214	-8	8.8	4.8	13.8
3,658,000	Reliant Gp	3	..	0.9	30.0	1.0
2,682,000	Remmington	21	..	..	..	..
9,990,000	Riva	38	-½	..	..	15.8
49.9m	Resort Hotels	75	-7	4.5n	6.0	9.4
11.7m	Roslet	78	..	5.7	7.3	7.1
13.6m	RPS Group	113	●+1	4.3	3.8	12.0
4,185,000	SBP Intl	72	-1	1.4	11.7	4.7
600,000	SPS Consultancy	13	..	●	..	38.5
1,076,000	Sandell	48	..	2.3	5.8	..
14.4m	Sanders Sidney	302	+2	11.8	3.8	33.0
18.7m	Sloops	44	-2	..	..	..
3,598,000	Sect Yorkshire	10	..	2.0	20.0	..
8,478,000	Seacon	91	..	4.7	5.2	9.5
12.8m	Sec Archives	205	+1	9.8	4.8	16.5
1,721,000	Select App	8	..	..	..	..
6,159,000	Serif Cowells	26	..	2.7	10.4	7.1
6,675,000	Severfield-Reeve	62	-1	4.0	6.5	5.2
2,449,000	Shelton Jones	68	+1	6.8	7.3	9.0
2,250,000	Shelton (Martin)	68	..	5.5	7.3	7.0
8,450,000	Sheriff Hldgs	100	..	5.6	5.6	8.8
6,946,000	Sherwood Comp	123	-5	7.0	5.7	7.2
2,250,000	Sherwood Group	225	●+10	10.1	5.4	12.0
3,895,000	Shorco	124	●-5	6.5	5.2	7.8
9,700,000	Soundtracks	37	..	2.9	7.8	9.9
39.4m	Spandex	340	..	7.3	2.1	14.0
2,510,000	Specialeyes	27	..	..	..	..
2,177,000	Stainless Metal	38	..	1.3	3.4	..
124.4m	Stanhope Props	75	+2	2.1	2.1	18.2
9,268,000	Sterling Pub	37	+1	2.3	6.2	9.0
11.0m	Stockley Tst	76	..	6.5	8.5	7.0
10.2m	Sunleigh Elect	16	..	..	..	..
25.0m	Sutherland	47	+1	2.1	4.5	..
3,002,000	Swallowcroft Comp	68	-21	4.5	5.3	..
720,000	TDS Circuits	8	..	..	..	..
7,115,000	TLS Range	42	● ..	2.4	5.7	8.4
24.2m	TMD Advert	251	+13	8.4	3.3	11.8
184.0m	TV-am	188	-8	16.0	8.5	8.1
6,218,000	Tarmac	27	-½	..	..	13.6
8,472,000	Tinsley (Silas)	78	..	5.9	5.1	9.9
8,906,000	Titon	60	..	4.0	6.7	11.1
5,859,000	Meds Gp	39	..	2.1	5.5	12.1
1,900,000	Total Systems	13	..	..	..	..
2,948,000	Transwood	3½	-½	..	..	..
13.5m	Transworld	128	-2	..	..	5.3
8,054,000	Trio	84	..	4.3	5.1	11.0
21.9m	Trencherwood	88	+11	..	..	4.9
8,165,000	Trevlan Hldgs	46	..	..	..	3.8
8,929,000	Trillon	17	..	0.7	4.1	..
1,495,000	Tubulex Edgtn	2	-½	..	..	0.3
1,681,000	Tudor	28	● ..	3.8	12.3	7.7
270.5m	Utd Friendly	344	+16	18.7	4.8	..
5,581,000	Unit Group	104	..	..	..	11.7
31,115,000	Usher (Frank)	48	..	5.0	13.3	4.1
1,088,000	Ventura Plant	7	..	..	..	..
5,714,000	VTR Plc	74	+2	4.5	6.1	7.1
17.0m	Vistec	14	+½	..	..	15.1
3,180,000	Wadkin	12	..	0.7	5.8	11.0
4,481,000	Wemsus	80	..	4.1	5.8	10.1
18.9m	Wentworth	17	..	..	..	5.8
3,678,000	Wescot	85	..	..	..	10.3
5,031,000	Westport	48	..	0.8	20.0	2.9
4,048,000	West Scafield	58	+1	6.7	17.2	4.2
4,842,000	Whartdale	7	..	..	..	..
2,146,000	Whitman Mackay	80	..	..	..	10.8
5,780,000	Wood John D & Co	68	-1	2.8	3.8	24.9
1,680,000	Wid of Leather	21	-2	..	..	..
33.5m	Wyevale	177	..	4.5	2.8	21.0
14.7m	Wylex	64	..	2.8	7.8	7.0
9,444,000	X2L Service	6½	..	..	..	..
16.8m	Xtra-vision	7	..	..	..	..
11.8m	Young Group	125	● ..	6.9	5.8	13.9
3,681,000	Zurich Group	3½	..	..	..	..

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
641.8m	Alliance	212½	● ..	33.3	4.2	31.2
144.3m	Amer Trust	176	●-2	3.5	2.0	38.5
316.3m	Ang & O'seas	277	-2	8.5	3.0	41.3
15.8m	Anglo Scan Inv Tst	79	-1	4.5	5.7	19.4
80.5m	B2W Cnsv	100	..	8.0	8.0	22.4
162.6m	Bankers	185	●-1½	3.9	2.1	32.7
7,398,000	Barry Stacy	141	-2	2.4	1.7	33.8
314.8m	Br Assets	92	..	5.5	6.0	24.4
66.5m	Br Empire Sec	50	-1	1.0	2.0	64.1
1,468,000	do Wrts	11	..	..	..	..
178.0m	Br Inv	170	..	7.1	4.2	23.5
102.4m	Brunner	160	..	6.7	3.8	33.5
50.8m	City & Comm	214½	..	..	..	..
32.8m	Cont Assct	148	-1	0.8	0.6	98.7
23.8m	Derby Inv	220	..	23.5	10.7	12.5
25.2m	Do 'B'	198	..	..	..	..
66.4m	Drayton Asia	98	..	0.9	1.0	66.9
114.2m	Drayton Cons	334	-18	22.7	6.8	19.7
32.8m	Drayton Eng Intl	78	-14	4.1	5.2	28.7
116.0m	Drayton Far East	108	..	0.8	0.8	..
168.1m	Dunedin Inc Gth	331	-1	32.0b	6.0	21.0
164.3m	Dunedin Worldwide	480	-5	12.0	2.4	46.8
47.0m	Dundee & Lon	280	-1	16.0	5.7	22.9
581.8m	Edinburgh	232	-1	16.9	4.4	26.5
195.8m	Electra Gen	117	..	4.0b	3.4	40.5
108.0m	English Scot	136	..	4.7	3.5	23.7
119.6m	Ensign	40	● ..	1.7	4.3	31.0
58.8m	European Assct	229	..	0.8	0.3	..
73.6m	F & C Eurotrust	156½	-3½	1.5	0.9	97.8
38.6m	F & C Germany	101	+5	●	..	22.0
188.0m	F & C Pacific	177	-2	2.1	1.2	66.9
63.8m	F & C Smaller	94	-2	2.8	2.9	23.1
7,125,000	First Charlotte	9½	..	0.3	3.2	47.5
53.6m	First Tokyo Index	122	..	..	..	..
119.8m	Fleming American	191	-1	2.8	1.3	90.0
66.0m	Fleming Claver	330	●-4	13.3	4.0	30.0
38.6m	Fleming Enterprise	160	-1	5.3	3.3	39.7
323.5m	Fleming Far East	214	-½	2.0	0.9	..
27.5m	Fleming Fledgeling	219	-½	4.7	2.1	62.8
28.8m	Fleming High Inc	102	..	7.7	7.5	16.3
192.5m	Fleming Japanese	251	-2	1.0	0.4	..
313.5m	Fleming Mercantile	217	●-2	8.5	3.9	23.9
267.0m	Fleming Overseas	201	-2	5.3	2.6	50.5
150.7m	Fleming Universal	231	-1	3.7	1.6	..
695.1m	For Cpl	169	-1	3.9	2.3	54.2
194.7m	GT Japan	216	+2	1.9	0.9	..
20.8m	General Cons Cap	115	+1	..	..	..
47.7m	Do Inc	132	..	13.9b	10.5	12.3
142.5m	Govett Atlantic	178	-2½	4.7b	2.7	66.3
241.4m	Govett Oriental	350	..	2.3	0.5	..
178.8m	Govett Strategy	182	-5	8.7	4.8	17.9
33.8m	Greenfriar	388	-4	7.3	2.6	40.8
11.7m	Gresham House	260	-15	9.7	3.7	15.8
30.6m	Independent Inv Co	33	-1	0.3	0.9	..

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
270.0m	Inv Cap	109½	-½	6.7	6.1	22.1
27.0m	Ivory Sime Opt Inc	85	●-1	5.1	9.8	27.1
24.0m	Ivory Sime 5% Pf	141½	..	..	..	..
129.5m	Kleinwort Charter	114	-½	5.4	4.2	24.7
139.9m	Kleinwort O 'seas	162	..	6.5	2.7	45.1
16.3m	Kleinwort Smaller	116	●-1	6.1	5.3	21.8
93.8m	Law Debenture	414	●+6	21.5	5.1	23.5
175.0m	Lincoln	295	..	11.2	3.9	25.8
208.7m	Merchants	224	●-5	12.0	5.8	20.0
2,271.2m	Merrill Lynch	222½	-1½	..	..	..
24.3m	Mid Wynd Int	243	-1	9.5	3.4	29.5
156.8m	Murray Income	238	●-1	12.5	5.4	23.5
260.5m	Murray Intl	221	●-6	14.5	6.8	19.8
130.8m	Murray Smalt	236	+1	6.5	1.9	75.8
51.2m	Murray Ventura	207	-15	12.7	10.1	12.7
51.0m	New Frontier	51	-1	0.5	0.8	66.0
22.8m	do 6pc Ln	27½	..	6.0	5.5	..
44.2m	Nextrog Inc 05	113	..	10.7b	9.5	13.2
191.4m	O'seas Inv Tst	241	..	3.2	..	..
41.4m	Pacific Assets	215	● ..	1.2	0.6	76.1
3,852,000	Parkside Gp	4	..	..	..	..
7,316,000	Personal Assets	49	..	2.0b	4.1	46.2
151.8m	RIT Dep Prens	92	-½	3.5	3.8	22.0
33.1m	River & Merc	110	..	..	..	..
——	Robeco	285	..	..	..	..
——	Rolinco	280	-5	..	..	..
2,005.3m	Rowntr	819½	-1	..	..	..
80.4m	St Andrew Inv Tst	204	..	5.6b	4.1	31.8
416.9m	Scottish	164	..	5.4	3.3	40.4
248.3m	Scot American	111½	-½	5.3b	4.8	25.2
370.8m	Scot Eastern	98½	● ..	1.8	2.1	41.8
14.0m	Scot Mort 'A'	68	+10	4.6	6.8	28.1
541.0m	Scot Mtge	190	..	4.8	2.5	33.9
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at 20 Old Bailey, London, EC4M 7BH on the 7 May 1991 at 11.00 am for the purposes mentioned in sections 48 and 49 of the said Act. Ie:

1. For a copy of the Administrative Receiver's report to be laid before the meeting.
2. To establish, if thought fit, a creditors' committee.

A copy of the report may be obtained free of charge by writing to Colin Gower at BDO Binder Hamlyn, 20 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BH quoting reference CG/DG.

Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting.

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(a) he has forwarded to the Joint Administrative Receivers, Mr P R Sykes and Mr J R Hill not later than 12.00 hours on the 6th day of May 1991 details in writing of the debt that he claims to be due to him from the above named company and the claim has been duly admitted for the purpose of entitlement to vote, and

(b) there has been lodged with the Administrative Receivers any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.

P R Sykes
Joint Administrative Receiver

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 AND IN THE MATTER OF T J PUBLICATIONS LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named company will be held at Lakeside House, 403 Silbury Boulevard, Central, Milton Keynes, on Wednesday, 8th May 1991 at 1.30 pm for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99-101 of the said Act.

Notice is further given that Mr S L Smith A.C.A. of Messrs Mercer and Hole of 72 London Road, St Albans, Herts AL1 1NS is a person qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the company and during the period before the day on which the meeting is to be held, will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the company's affairs as they may reasonably require, pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that for the purpose of voting secured creditors must (unless they surrender their security) lodge at the said Registered Office of the company before the meeting a statement giving particulars of their security, the date when it was given and the value at which it is assessed.

By Order of the Board
of Directors
MATTHEW TEE
Director
Dated this 18th day of April 1991

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receiver

Ad Makers (Holdings) Ltd
Registered Number: 1151603.
Nature of Business: Typesetting & Reloaded Pre-Press Production Services. Trade Classification: 10. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 11 April 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Barclays Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers (office holder nos): P J Yeldon 7253 and P G Mills 7948. Address: Smith & Williamson 1 Riding House Street London W1A 3AS

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receiver

Tamston Holdings Ltd
Registered Number: 2587365.
Nature of Business: Photographic Laboratory Services. Trade Classification: 10. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 11 April 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Barclays Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers (office holder nos): P J Yeldon 7253 and P G Mills 7948. Address: Smith & Williamson 1 Riding House Street London W1A 3AS

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 CHANCERY PLC (IN ADMINISTRATION)

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

A copy of the proposals of the administrators will be provided without charge to any shareholder who requests one. The proposals are those to be put to the creditors of the company for their approval. Shareholders requiring a copy should write to C G Bird of Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London. SE1 9QD.

C G Bird
Joint administrator

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 AND IN THE MATTER OF LUTHERGOLD LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named company will be held at 72 London Road, St Albans, Herts on Friday, 3 May 1991 at 12.30 pm for the purpose mentioned in Sections 99-101 of the said Act.

Notice is further given that Mr S L Smith A.C.A. of Messrs Mercer and Hole of 72 London Road, St Albans, Herts AL1 1NS is a person qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the company and during the period before the day on which the meeting is to be held, will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the company's affairs as they may reasonably require, pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that for the purpose of voting secured creditors must (unless they surrender their security) lodge at the said Registered Office of the company before the meeting a statement giving particulars of their security, the date when it was given and the value at which it is assessed.

By Order of the Board
of Directors
Mrs J Haddock
Director
Dated this 22nd day of April 1991

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS

COSMOSCRAFT LIMITED T/A PROOFERS

(In Administrative Receivership)

Registered Number: 2506104. Trading Name: Proofers. Nature of Business: Proofing. Trade Classification: 10. Date of Appointment of Joint Administrative Receivers: 26.3.91. Name of Person Appointing the Joint Administrative Receivers: National Westminster Bank Plc. Names & Address of Joint Administrative Receivers: Brian Mills FIPA & Colin George Wiseman FCA, both White, 58 New Road, Chatham, Kent, ME4 4QR. Office Holder Numbers: 2308 & 6712 respectively.

Brian Mills
& Colin George Wiseman
Joint Administrative Receivers

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 AND IN THE MATTER OF KERCELL LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named company will be held at 72 London Road, St Albans, Herts on Thursday, 9 May 1991 at 2.30 pm for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99-101 of the said Act.

Notice is further given that Mr S L Smith A.C.A. of Messrs Mercer and Hole of 72 London Road, St Albans, Herts AL1 1NS is a person qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the company and during the period before the day on which the meeting is to be held, will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the company's affairs as they may reasonably require, pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that for the purpose of voting secured creditors must (unless they surrender their security) lodge at the said Registered Office of the company before the meeting a statement giving particulars of their security, the date when it was given and the value at which it is assessed.

By Order of the Board
of Directors
Mrs J Haddock
Director
Dated this 22nd day of April 1991

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 AND IN THE MATTER OF REGENIS (UK) LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named company will be held at 72 London Road, St Albans, Herts on Friday, 3 May 1991 at 3.00 pm for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99-101 of the said Act.

Notice is further given that Mr S L Smith A.C.A. of Messrs Mercer and Hole of 72 London Road, St Albans, Herts AL1 1NS is a person qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the company and during the period before the day on which the meeting is to be held, will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the company's affairs as they may reasonably require, pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that for the purpose of voting secured creditors must (unless they surrender their security) lodge at the said Registered Office of the company before the meeting a statement giving particulars of their security, the date when it was given and the value at which it is assessed.

By Order of the Board
of Directors
MATTHEW TEE
Director
Dated this 18th day of April 1991

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receiver

Ad Makers (Holdings) Ltd
Registered Number: 1151603.
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IN THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 AND IN THE MATTER OF BERCELL LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named company will be held at 72 London Road, St Albans, Herts on Friday, 3 May 1991 at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.

Notice is further given that Mr S L Smith A.C.A. of Messrs Mercer and Hole of 72 London Road, St Albans, Herts AL1 1NS is a person qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the company and during the period before the day on which the meeting is to be held, will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the company's affairs as they may reasonably require, pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that for the purpose of voting secured creditors must (unless they surrender their security) lodge at the said Registered Office of the company before the meeting a statement giving particulars of their security, the date when it was given and the value at which it is assessed.

By Order of the Board
of Directors
Mrs J Haddock
Director
Dated this 22nd day of April 1991

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS

COSMOSCRAFT LIMITED T/A PROOFERS

(In Administrative Receivership)

Registered Number: 2506104. Trading Name: Proofers. Nature of Business: Proofing. Trade Classification: 10. Date of Appointment of Joint Administrative Receivers: 26.3.91. Name of Person Appointing the Joint Administrative Receivers: National Westminster Bank Plc. Names & Address of Joint Administrative Receivers: Brian Mills FIPA & Colin George Wiseman FCA, both White, 58 New Road, Chatham, Kent, ME4 4QR. Office Holder Numbers: 2308 & 6712 respectively.

Brian Mills
& Colin George Wiseman
Joint Administrative Receivers

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 AND IN THE MATTER OF Bristol Court Estates Limited (In Members' Voluntary Liquidation)

and

In the matter of The Insolvency Act 1986

Notice is hereby given that David Crawford of Equity & Law House, La Motte Street, St. Helier, Jersey, Channel Islands was appointed Liquidator of the above company on March 18, 1991.

Creditors are required on or before May 31, 1991 to send their names and addresses and particulars of their debts or claims to the Liquidator and, if so required, by notice in writing from the Liquidator, are to come in and prove their debts or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this nineteenth day of April 1991
David Crawford
Liquidator

IN THE HIGH COURT NUMBER 002288 of 1991 CHANCERY DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF GOLDSMITHS GROUP PLC

and

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated the 26th day of March 1991 confirming the reduction of the Share Premium Account of the above named Company from £18,157,000 to £8,314,000 was registered by the Registrar of Companies on the 15th day of April 1991.

Dated this 24th day of April 1991
Wightman Maughan
Sun Alliance House
35 Mosley Street
Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 1DF
Solicitors for
the above named Company

WHITE ROOMS PUBLIC RELATIONS LIMITED (IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 46(1) of The Insolvency Act 1986 that KEVIN PAUL BARRY, FCA and KEITH DAVID GOODMAN, FCA of Messrs. Lesser Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LP, were appointed Administrative Receivers of the whole of the property of the above Company on Thursday, 18th April, 1991 by Barclays Bank Plc under the powers contained in a Debenture incorporating Fixed & Floating Charges dated 9th August, 1989.

Dated the 19th day of April 1991
K.P. BARRY, FCA
and K.D. GOODMAN, FCA
Joint Administrative Receivers

J DONELLY DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED
BROADHEATH PAINTING LIMITED
BROADHEATH JOINERY

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that meetings of the creditors of the above named companies will be held at the Ryan Suite, Parker's Hotel, 109 Deansgate Street, Manchester M3 4DX on Wednesday 1st day of May 1991 at 12.01, 12.02 and 12.03 respectively in the afternoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.

Pursuant to Section 98, Subsection (2)(b) of the Act, Mr Peter Lomas of Poppleton & Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD is appointed to act as the Qualified Insolvency Practitioners who will furnish creditors with such information as they may reasonably require.

DATED THIS 16TH DAY OF APRIL 1991
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
J DONELLY
DIRECTOR

NOTICE OF MEETING OF CREDITORS

GINGER (STAFF SELECTION) LTD. (FORMERLY ROUTIERS LTD.) (IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in pursuance of Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Arthur Andersen & Co., 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT on Tuesday the 7th day of May 1991 at 10.00 a.m. for the purpose of having an account laid before them, showing the events leading up to their appointment, the manner in which the administrative receivership has been conducted and the property of the company disposed of, and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Joint Administrative Receivers.

Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting. A person is entitled to vote at the meeting only if he has given to the Receivers, not later than 12.00 p.m. on the business day before the above day fixed for the meeting, details in writing of the debt that he claims to be due to him from the company, and this claim has been duly admitted by the Receivers. A creditor entitled to attend and vote at the above meeting may appoint a proxy or proxies to attend and vote instead of him.

Should you require a copy of the Joint Administrative Receivers' report under Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, please write to Arthur Andersen & Co., PO Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT.

DATED this 22nd day of April 1991
J. A. TALBOT
Joint Administrative Receiver

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receivers

Aspen Learning Limited
Registered Number: 1818365.
Trading Name: Brixton Academy. Nature of Business: Management of entertainment venue. Trade Classification: 10. Date of Appointment of Joint Administrative Receivers: 19 April 1991. Name of Person Appointing the Joint Administrative Receivers: Walney Truman Limited. Joint Administrative Receivers: E J Wacey (6648) and D J Buckler (5154) of Buckler Phillips & Co., 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 DISCOUNT DEPOT LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company is to be held at The Rugby Club, 49 Hallam Street, London W1 on 9 May 1991 at 11.45 a.m. for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.

A list of the names and addresses of the creditors mentioned will be available for inspection free of charge at 76 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 7LB between 10.00a.m. and 4.00 p.m. on from 7 May 1991.

Proxies to be used at the meeting must be lodged at the registered office of the company situated at 76 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 7LB not later than 12 noon on 8 May 1991.

Dated : 17 April 1991
P.R. ARORA
Director

NOTICE OF MEETING OF CREDITORS

METROFIT LTD. (FORMERLY GREENLYS SERVICE GROUP LTD.) (IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in pursuance of Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named companies will be held at the offices of Arthur Andersen & Co., 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT on Thursday 2 May 1991 at 12.00 noon for the purpose of having an account laid before them, showing the events leading up to his appointment, the manner in which the administrative receivership has been conducted and the property of the company disposed of, and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Joint Administrative Receivers.

Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting. A person is entitled to vote at the meeting only if he has given to the Receivers, not later than 12.00 p.m. on the business day before the above day fixed for the meeting, details in writing of the debt that he claims to be due to him from the company, and this claim has been duly admitted by the Receivers. A creditor entitled to attend and vote at the above meeting may appoint a proxy or proxies to attend and vote instead of him.

Should you require a copy of the Joint Administrative Receivers' Report under Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, please write to Arthur Andersen & Co., PO Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT.

DATED this 18 day of April 1991
A. W. BRIERLEY
Joint Administrative Receiver

NOTICE OF MEETING OF CREDITORS

GREENLYS RECRUITMENT LTD. (IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in pursuance of Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Arthur Andersen & Co., 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT on Friday 3 May 1991 at 11.00 a.m. for the purpose of having an account laid before them, showing the events leading up to his appointment, the manner in which the administrative receivership has been conducted and the property of the company disposed of, and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Joint Administrative Receivers.

Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting. A person is entitled to vote at the meeting only if he has given to the Receivers, not later than 12.00 p.m. on the business day before the above day fixed for the meeting, details in writing of the debt that he claims to be due to him from the company, and this claim has been duly admitted by the Receivers. A creditor entitled to attend and vote at the above meeting may appoint a proxy or proxies to attend and vote instead of him.

Should you require a copy of the Joint Administrative Receivers' Report under Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, please write to Arthur Andersen & Co., PO Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT.

DATED this 18 day of April 1991
A. W. BRIERLEY
Joint Administrative Receiver

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS

LOWTHERGATE LIMITED (In Administrative Receivership)

Registered Number: 1689789. Trading Name: Plasmaclears. Nature of Business: Reprographics. Trade Classification: 10. Date of Appointment of Joint Administrative Receivers: 26.3.91. Name of Person Appointing the Joint Administrative Receivers: National Westminster Bank Plc. Names & Address of Joint Administrative Receivers: Brian Mills FIPA & Colin George Wiseman FCA, both White, 58 New Road, Chatham, Kent, ME4 4QR. Office Holder Numbers: 2308 & 6712 respectively.

Brian Mills
& Colin George Wiseman
Joint Administrative Receivers

Number of Company: 2241350
The Companies Act 1985
COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES
EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTION

GLOSTER HARRISON LIMITED

Passed 16 April 1991

At an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above-named Company, duly convened, and held at No 1 Riding House Street, London, W1A 3AS on 16 April 1991, the following EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTION was duly passed, viz:-

That it has been proved to the satisfaction of this Meeting that the Company cannot, by reason of its liabilities, continue its business and that it is advisable to wind up the same and, accordingly, that the Company be wound up voluntarily and that Peter J Yeldon of No1 Riding House Street, London, W1A 3AS be and is hereby appointed Liquidator for the purposes of such winding up.

RALPH HARRISON
Chairman

Ooze Communications Limited

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at 10.00 am on 1st May 1991 at 78 Hatton Garden London EC1N 8JA for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 to 101 of the said Act.

Forms of proxy, if to be used at the meeting must be lodged at the meeting's registration at 78 Hatton Garden London EC1N 8JA not later than 12 noon on Tuesday 30 April 1991.

A list of names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of Pannell Kerr Forster 78 Hatton Garden London EC1N 8JA on 29 and 30 April 1991.

Dated this 23rd day of April 1991
By Order of the Board
J. FOWLER
Director.

Re: Custom Designs Limited

By Order of the High Court Dated the 15th October 1990. Neville Exley F.C.A. of 332 Brighton Road, South Croydon, Surrey has been appointed Liquidator of the above-named Company without a Committee of Inspection.

Dated 24th April 1991.

Section 98 Advertisement
Company No: 2271458
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 AND IN THE MATTER OF Intpo Designs Limited

Registered Office:- C/O Bagley Knight & Co. 106 Guildford Street, Chertsey, Surrey

Principal Trading Address: Highway Farm, Hornsby Road, Shalford, Surrey

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of Creditors of the above named Company will be held at 5 Park Court, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet, Surrey, KT14 6SD on the 30th April 1991 at 10.15am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the Insolvency Act namely:-

1 To consider the Directors' Statement of Affairs
2 To appoint a Liquidator
3 If thought fit, to establish a Liquidation Committee.

Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting (unless attending in person) must lodge a proxy at 5 Park Court, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet, Surrey KT14 6SD no later than noon on 29th April 1991. A form of proxy is enclosed.

A list of names and addresses of the Company's creditors may be inspected free of charge at Gibson Hewitt & Co. 5 Park Court, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet, Surrey KT14 6SD between 10 am and 5 pm during the two days next before the meeting.

Dated this 18th day of April 1991
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
L De La Rocha
Director

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receiver

Registered Number: 2373387.
Trading Name: Fingers Limited. Nature of Business: Video Editing & Video Graphics. Trade Classification: 36. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 17 April 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: The Royal Bank of Scotland Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers (office holder nos): P J Yeldon 7253 and P G Mills 7948. Address: Smith & Williamson 1 Riding House Street London W1A 3AS.

EDUCATIONAL

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

University of Southampton
Faculty of Medicine
and
Wessex Regional Health Authority

Professor of Public Health Medicine and Director of the Institute of Public Health Medicine

*Applications are invited from medically qualified candidates for the post of Professor of Public Health Med

Parents test the law on new exam

David Tytler talks to a headteacher who has suspended tests for seven-year-olds

While Scottish law allows parents to keep their children away from school to avoid compulsory testing, parents in Wales are waiting to see if they would be given legal protection if they did the same.

Members of the National Union of Teachers (NUT) in England and Wales, meanwhile, will know on Wednesday whether they will be supported by their union if they decide to boycott the testing of seven-year-olds required by the national curriculum.

The Easter conference of the NUT demanded that the union should support teachers who failed to carry out the tests, which have already begun in most of the 20,000 primary schools. Teachers who stopped the tests would face the loss of pay and possible dismissal and have been warned that they would be in breach of contract. The executive of the NUT insisted that all members of the union should be balloted to gauge the level of support for a boycott. The result is due on Wednesday.

The NUT says that there is a conflict between the 1988 Education Reform Act, which insists that the tests (known officially as standard assessment tasks) are carried out, and earlier acts which give parents the right to remove their children from them. The union says it is up to local education authorities to challenge the new law if they believe parents have a right to withdraw their children.

'These tests have been imposed. We wonder where the experts got their ideas from'

In Scotland, which is not covered by the latest act, substantial numbers of parents have removed their children from similar tests. It is estimated that two-thirds of eight-year-olds, more than 37,000 pupils, have been withdrawn from the tests in Strathclyde.

Gethin Lewis, the headteacher of Gabalfa primary school, Cardiff, suspended tests last week because he feared parents would break the law by keeping their children away from school to avoid testing. Mr Lewis is one of the few NUT members to support the idea of standard assessment tests "providing they are part of the learning experience and conducted normally in the classroom". The future of the tests for the two classes of 28 children at the 380-pupil school will be reviewed after a second meeting of parents tomorrow.

"My reason for suspending the tests was to prevent parents breaking the law by keeping their children at home," Mr Lewis says. "The parents object very strongly to these tests and, as I believe in consulting them about everything that happens in our school, it is right that I respond to their wishes.

"The legal position regarding this situation is ambiguous. If the 1944 act is still relevant, then parents have a legal right to have their views considered. On the other hand, if the law insists that I must test the 56 children – as the Welsh Office and local authority seem to imply – then I'll have to do so. But I won't do anything until I speak to the parents again on Tuesday night."

Gus Aherne, the chairman of the school's governors, says: "Children are going through all the bad aspects of the 11-plus at a much earlier age. These tests have been imposed on teachers against their professional advice. We wonder where the experts got their ideas from"

Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, has said that the tests will be reviewed for next year if they prove unworkable. They have already been considerably reduced since the pilot tests last year.

Derrick Orrell, the director of education for South Glamorgan, says: "The law requires the standard attainment tasks to be completed by half term, which is the end of May. The headteacher of Gabalfa primary school is being reminded of the legal position."

The Welsh Office has also asked for an explanation but parents at the school are unanimous in their support for Mr Lewis. "It's pointless and impractical," says Elaine Wright, whose daughter Jade, aged seven, started the tests last week.

"Jade coped, but some of her friends weren't so lucky. They were crying all the time, unable to sleep at night, and some started wetting the bed because they were so scared. If they restart the tests, and she feels threatened in any way, I'll keep her at home."



The donor: Simon Sainsbury gave £5 million



The institute: Cambridge's new management centre is at an old hospital



The researcher: British Telecom cash has ties

University business challenge

Figures to be published next month are expected to show British industry giving £100 million a year to university research. But now funds are coming with strings attached, John O'Leary reports

The niversities and polytechnics have never tried so hard to attract private income. Straitened times have forced academics and administrators both to respond to the needs of industry and to seek out philanthropists.

The rewards for success can be great, as Cambridge showed last week when two donations totalling £13 million from a businessman and Simon Sainsbury, of the supermarket family, enabled the university to launch its new management studies institute. Tomorrow, another wing of the Sainsbury centre for visual arts opens at the University of East Anglia, paid for by John and Lisa Sainsbury and their son David.

For most institutions, however, research contracts are the main outside source of funds. In the last five years the value of such work has increased beyond all expectations. A survey of large companies to be published next month is expected to show British industry contributing £100 million a year.

A new programme launched this month by British Telecom shows how universities and polytechnics might increase their share of the cake, at a price. The scheme, which puts BT into the big league of higher education sponsors, hinges on a level of company management that few academics would have contemplated until recently.

In return for investing a greater share of its research budget in universities than almost any company in Britain, BT demands a managerial role in projects it supports.

The company employs 4,500 people at research laboratories in Martlesham, Suffolk, which have an international reputation and swallow up almost all of the £220 million research and development budget. But now BT is switching £3 million into universities and polytechnics, banking on the mix of disciplines available in a university to come up with new lines of thought on practical problems.

Oxford and Strathclyde universities can expect £1 million over five years for the first two major projects. Strathclyde will apply computer reasoning to fault diagnosis, while Oxford uses advanced linguistics to improve the specifications for new software.

Further projects costing about £1 million are under consideration, and there will also be smaller research programmes, and a range of short-term and long-term fellowships for academics. In addition, a new chair of telecommunications science at University College, London (UCL), has been awarded to a former Martlesham research head, and 60 staff a year will take a London university Master of Science course to be taught at the Suffolk laboratories.

The programme breaks new ground both in the level of integration between the company and its higher education partners, and in the extent to which it imposes market disciplines on the academic world.

'Academics will always be subject to people who have money, whether in research councils or companies'

A single manager will be reponsible for the whole university research programme. Every project will have a customer waiting for results, and departments will work to deadlines. Successful research may lead to extra funding. BT will want the rights to intellectual property – the ideas created in its projects – but is prepared to negotiate if the researchers bring background knowledge with them. Results will normally be published, but BT may want a delay where information is commercially sensitive.

Alan Rudge, BT's managing director for development and procurement, says: "We believe that the universities have a significant part to play in BT's future. The agreement should help forge stronger links with the academic world. We are changing the way we spend significant sums of money and, in return, we are looking for changes in the way universities manage the work and deliver the results. It will be a more business-like relationship."

Academics involved in the first projects are not worried about the strings attached to the funding they will receive. Professor Derek Roberts, the UCL provost, says: "Unless academics have private wealth or can fund their own research, they always have to be subject to the people who have the money, whether they are in the research councils or private companies."

Business entrepreneur Paul Judge, whose £8 million got the Cambridge management initiative off the ground, believes there is a happy medium. The Cambridge institute will bear his name and will involve him in major planning decisions, but he does not seek a role in its detailed administration. "I may have contacts that are useful on occasion," he says, "but I would not expect to become involved in decisions on courses, for instance."

Simon Sainsbury, who has given £5 million towards the institute, has told the university he is happy to assist in the promotion of management as a subject, but does not want his name attached to any of the developments.

Patrick Coldstream, the director of the Council for Industry and Higher Education, which sponsors the study of private research funding, says: "The main concern of the business world is that, in the long term, higher education must be able to do the curiosity-led, basic research, which will help industry to know where the technologies might be in the future."

Dr Rudge, however, is convinced of the advantages of his new approach. "The new disciplines will place greater demands on both sides, but I am sure it is the right way for both of us. If we establish these kinds of relations, we can offer a potential for a greater volume of activity. The £3 million is not a fixed sum."

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UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

Chair in Primary Education

This Chair is tenable from 1st September, 1991, or at a date to be agreed.

Applicants should have a strong personal research profile in primary education and appropriate scholarly publications. The successful candidate will be expected to give academic and professional leadership in primary education and involvement in externally funded research projects will be highly desirable.

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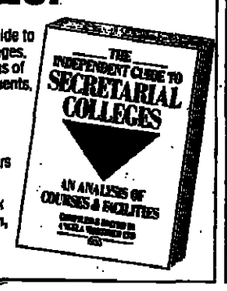
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Relatives and relativity

A scientist has proved it is possible to explain Einstein to children as a space fairy tale. Libby Purves reports on a quantum leap

A child of eight, engrossed in the *Beano*, glances across at his mother groaningly lifting a stack of warm plates from the oven. "I suppose they're so heavy because they're hot." What? "Heat is energy," explains the child, as if to an idiot. "And energy makes things heavy. It was in *Uncle Albert*." And unperturbed, he returns to *Dennis the Menace*.

I was that mother, and my child, I hasten to say, is no prodigy. But last year I read him *The Time and Space of Uncle Albert*, a children's adventure story written by a professor of physics at the Open University and purporting to explain Einstein's theory of relativity. I had thought that he was taking it purely as a space fairy tale: the story of a girl, Gedanken, who gets beamed across the universe inside the powerful thought-bubbles of her eccentric Uncle Albert, chasing light-beams and detecting energy in rocks.

So it was disconcerting to discover, so many months afterwards, that my son had formed a nodding acquaintance with Einstein. Then came news of a second book, *Black Holes and Uncle Albert*. It was time to find the author, Russell Stannard, and ask what he is up to.

Professor Stannard is a patrician, sixty-ish, silver-haired figure who is intent on plugging the gap between the physicist and the rest of us. He crossed the divide himself some 40 years ago. "I only did physics at school because the lab overlooked the Oval cricket ground. But one day at university, I came across a book on relativity and I had never read anything so amazing. And I felt very angry — I still feel angry — that nobody had told me about it earlier. It is wonderful, isn't it? That when I move" — he springs across the room — "I am bringing a distant galaxy suddenly thousands of miles closer. My space is different from yours because I am in motion relative to you." He sits down.

"But three-quarters of a century after Einstein, relativity is still not part of the common culture, and I consider that a scandal. It is the fault of us physicists. People think Einstein just invented the Bomb, and that the idea of radioactivity is frightening and repulsive. They have no conception that it has anything to do with our whole understanding of space and time and energy. When I tried to explain it all to my friends, they would veer away or say it went against common sense." It is an old problem: Einstein got his Nobel Prize for the quantum theory rather than relativity, because nobody on the committee understood what it was.

That does not seem a promising start to the enterprise of teaching the theory of relativity to children: and indeed Professor Stannard never tried with his own four children and three step-children.

The accepted wisdom has been that a child develops from the concrete operations period — where everything must relate to his own solid experience — to the formal operations period, when he is capable of accepting a theoretical model based on axioms he cannot test. Thus a primary school child can prove gravity by dropping things, but cannot think from untestable laws such as the constancy of the speed of light.

Professor Stannard says: "Piaget thought that the age of 12 marked the transition between concrete and formal operations. Later work shows that only 15 per cent make that transition at 12, and that 60 per cent of adults probably never reach the formal stage at all."

He worried away at the problem until the day when his wife, doing a B.Ed degree, came across a sentence by the American child psychologist Jerome Bruner. "Any subject can be taught effectively in some intellectually honest form to any child at any stage of development . . . It is a matter of finding a courteous translation."

He was entranced. "A courteous translation — isn't that marvellous? So I decided that I must find concrete ways of explaining, and get to children before the prejudice. Besides," he descends to practicalities, "there is a real recruitment crisis in physics. There are not enough teachers and not enough students. We are intensely worried about it."

So he went and sat on the floor of the Leighton Buzzard children's library, and scientifically assessed just what might be a "courteous translation" for concrete thinkers of 11 or 12. "I pulled out all the books for 9-13 age group, isolated the ones with most date stamps and asked myself, 'What is it that makes them popular?' It wasn't difficult to work it out. You need illustrations. Conversation, to break up the page. Short chapters, so there's a sense of achievement in finishing one. A character to identify with — I chose a girl, because we need to attract girls into science. Then you need humour, and a child's point of view."

He persuaded local schools into a survey of 200 12-year-olds. "Ten per cent still thought that stars had points," he says. "A third had heard of black holes. One knew about the big bang, and called it 'an explosion that went very wrong and created the universe'. After that writing the book was fun."

His grasp of sub-teen culture, in the character of Gedanken, is admirable: likewise his perception that one of the things which would attract children to Albert Einstein is that he never wore socks. He also allows himself odd, sly swipes at the earthbound, flatfooted nature of school science: Gedanken does her first spaceflight project as an escape from her science teacher's suggestion that she should do "Energy in the Home — electric toothbrushes and all that".

The secret of the books is in their concreteness and cheeky similes. Professor Stannard's Uncle Albert translates curved space into "wonky jelly", talks of shrinking tape-measures, balls making dents in stretchy rubber, and the beguiling fact that while you cycle two miles, the two miles shrinks.

His ultimate hope for Uncle Albert is one entirely suitable to a research scientist: "It would be wonderful to think that some child will read these books and — partly because of them — be the one who comes back in a few years to prove that they're completely wrong."

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Black Holes and Uncle Albert is published by Faber (£8.99).

PETER TREVNOR



Finding a relatively simple way to explain Einstein: Russell Stannard and one of his sculptures

NOTICEBOARD

Flying colours

SUCCESS comes from far and wide for Open University students. The latest batch of results shows that the Saudi desert or a Scottish prison can both be overcome as a venue for study.

Paul Roberts, a Tornado navigator, packed around 20 study books into his kitbag when he was sent out for Gulf duty. The flight lieutenant, whose tour of duty finished before war broke out, says: "I lost count of the number of flights we made. But when we were off duty I would go back to the house I shared with three other pilots or navigators and, while they were draped round the pool, I was busy studying."

His efforts were rewarded when he passed his course exam, taken at Dahran University, in Saudia Arabia, with the best marks of any Yorkshire student.

The students among Scottish prisoners did almost as well. Of 32 sitting exams last year, 28 passed, two failed and two had resits. The success rate was 20 per cent higher than in English prisons, and reversed the previous trend in which many Scottish prisoners either withdrew from or failed courses.

A touch of class

STUDENTS will have the opportunity to have a dry run at teaching before committing themselves to a career in the classroom, after a successful pilot scheme last year. At least 400 students will be paid £100 a week to work in secondary schools for three weeks in the autumn.

Michael Fallon, the schools minister, says last year's scheme opened students' eyes to the challenges and rewards of teaching. Two-thirds of the 389 students on the 1990 scheme said they would seriously consider teaching.

The education department is contributing £100,000 and business sponsors are providing another £14,000. Applications for places should be sent to Helen Martin, Work Experience, TASC Room 4/25, Elizabeth House, York Road, London SE1 7PH.

School's out

HUNMANBY Hall, a Methodist school, which until four years ago took only girls, will shut at the end of this term. Muir Moffat, the chairman of governors, told parents of the 200 pupils that the school had run operating deficits over the last few years despite termly fees of up to £2,450. The number of pupils had halved, and only 170 were expected to enrol next term. All will be offered places at other Methodist schools.

Oxford blues

OXFORD dons and students will have to endure life as a prime tourist attraction for another year at least, after the collapse of a scheme to cope with the city's growing popularity.

Oxford is the third most visited city in Britain, largely because of the lure of the university. Overcrowding and complaints of invasion of privacy have increased with the success of the *Inspector Morse* television series. There is even talk of a "Morse trail".



Morse: played by John Thaw

The Thames and Chilterns Tourist Board had hoped to spend £250,000 on a scheme to manage the flow of tourists, but has been unable to raise the money. A university spokeswoman says that the colleges could preserve their privacy by denying access to the public, but were reluctant to take such a step.

Change at Ealing

EALING college of higher education, in west London, is expected to be the next institution to be designated a polytechnic, following the promotion of the Anglia higher education college this week. The change should come in time for the new academic year. Neil Merritt, the director who spearheaded Ealing's campaign for polytechnic status, was appointed president of Portsmouth polytechnic last week.

JOHN O'LEARY

EDUCATION

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The Times **examines the battle for the promotion and relegation places in the second division**

Promotion to first division rewards loyalty of Royle

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By DAVID MILLER

OLDHAM galloped into the first division at 30 miles an hour. Whether they will prove durable upon their return after 68 years depends on whether they can slow down a bit, put their foot on the ball occasionally, and give their skill more chance to show.

The second division is not, on the whole, a pretty sight, though West Ham United, Oldham and one or two others do attempt to get clear by playing football. Coherent even at speed, Oldham are a credit to Joe Royle, their manager; a gulf separated them on Saturday from Ipswich, never mind that a team revealing not many of the touches characteristic of John Lyall played with sufficient spirit, in the last quarter of an hour of each half, to have earned a draw.

When there are so many opportunist managers and players these days, it is gratifying that Royle has seen fit to stay with Oldham, in spite of previous promotion disappointment, and cup achievements last season when reaching the FA semi-final and league final, which could have opened other, more profitable, doors. The jockey commendably stayed with the horse.

Royle's buying and selling has highlighted his judgment, yet what was significant about this victory was confirmation that Oldham can indeed play on grass and may do better when doing so regularly: losing their artificial pitch will be no impediment on this evidence. Royle says that the present squad will be given the chance individually to show whether they can bridge the gap. Half of them should be able to survive at the top of the ladder.

With Barrett, the captain, of necessity switched from defence to midfield – where his partnership with Henry was an example of economy – the most conspicuous difference between the sides at Portman Road was in Oldham's back line: Halle, from Norway, and Barlow a pair of alert full backs, Jobson and Warhurst two of the quickest and most sure-footed of central defenders. Ipswich in the early stages were chasing shadows in attack.

By comparison, Ipswich's own defence was at full stretch, held together by the doughty Linighan, even though Yallop at right back was often in difficulty against the splay-footed but elusive Holden. Yet after 20 minutes, the best chance had been Ipswich's; an in-swinging corner from the right by Thompson, the left back, was glanced on the near post to Linighan, whose stooping header flew wide.

It was Thompson, again from the right, who clipped Oldham's crossbar from a free kick after 35 minutes. Four minutes later Marshall, making good the absence of the injured Ritchie and Palmer, scored the first of two good goals. Barlow, beforehand inciting the crowd's wrath for a clumsy foul on Zondervan – who did not reappear for the second half – curled a dipping ball into the penalty area, where Marshall's header eluded Forrest.

A substantial group of Oldham supporters maintained a symphony of enthusiastic noise throughout the second half, midway through which Marshall, put clear by Henry, drew Forrest before ensuring Oldham's historic day.

Ipswich gave the match a final flourish. Hallworth saved brilliantly from Goddard's hooked shot and then Kiwomya, put through by Goddard, scored neatly, temporarily to unsettle Oldham's nerves. Now Royle, whose elegance as a centre forward for England and Everton was never fully rewarded, has the chance to show whether he is genuinely worthy of first division management.

Understandably, there had been an element of desperation at times in Oldham's play, but that was almost forgivable when they have been so close for so long.

IPSWICH TOWN: C Forrest; F Yallop, N Thompson, S Palmer (sub: T Humes), D Linighan, B Gayle, R Zondervan (sub: D Gregory), P Goddard, S Milton, S Houghton, C Kiwomya.
OLDHAM ATHLETIC: J Hallworth; G Halle, A Barlow, N Henry, E Barrett, R Jobson, N Adams (sub: N Redfern), P Warhurst, I Marshall, D Currie, R Holden.
Referee: G Willard.

RICHARD POHLE



In hot pursuit: Newman, of Bristol City, makes tracks after Waddock, of Millwall, during the Londoners' emphatic victory at Ashton Gate on Saturday

Sheringham's stock continues to soar

Bristol City..... 1
Millwall 4

By CLIVE WHITE

MILLWALL'S third and fourth goals at Ashton Gate on Saturday may have done little to improve their chances of clinching a place in the second division play-offs, which this victory virtually assured, but they did splendidly for the growing reputation of Teddy Sheringham, the Millwall forward, who for the fourth time this season was able to take home the match ball.

Success can be a double-edged sword, as Millwall are no doubt aware. No sooner had the League's leading marksman shot down Bristol City's own promotion hopes, than the rumour-mongers had him on his way to Arsenal in a £2 million exchange deal involving Siggie Jonsson, who, apparently, still plays for Arsenal. The truth is that neither Arsenal nor anybody else has made a bid for the player whom Millwall fully intend to keep beyond the remaining year of his contract.

Bruce Rioch, the Millwall manager, and Reg Burr, his chairman, could do without the gossip as they strive to bounce Millwall straight back into the first division.

"What people have got to recognise is that not only, hopefully, we're going to build a good team but we're going to build a super stadium that should enable us to compete with the very top clubs," Burr said.

"We're not the poor relations and it's time people got it fixed in their heads that they cannot come and filch Millwall players. Very few people would have enough money to buy Teddy. He's the best centre forward in England by a mile. He's Millwall born and bred and our job is to get him to sign another contract."

Sheringham, it is thought, felt slighted when Aston Villa paid Millwall £1 million for Tony Cascarino last season. It remains to be seen whether Sheringham would suitably like "to better himself" or whether Millwall are capable of satisfying his ambition.

Strange as it may sound for a player who has scored 36 goals, Sheringham is fundamentally a team player and sometimes, as he showed in the first half, a shade too unselfish for Millwall's good, never mind his own. Had he taken the two opportunities which presented themselves in the first half, instead of inviting Stephenson and Kerr to try their luck, Millwall might not have gone in at half-time trailing to Morgan's precise header.

Bristol City, who, coincidentally, achieved promotion to the first division themselves on this weekend 15 years ago, never looked comfortable in their experimental formation with a sweeper and three central forwards. They lacked width and were sitting ducks at the set-pieces. Corners by Stephenson led to three of the goals in the second half, the pick of which was an unstoppable header by Thompson, the young central defender, who, according to Rioch, rose high enough to see the Blackpool Tower.

BRISTOL CITY: A Leaning; A Llewellyn, M Scott, P Mardon (sub: J Bant), M Bryant, M Aldewood, G Shelton, R Newman, W Allison, N Morgan, R Taylor.
MILLWALL: B Horne; K Stevens, I Dawes, G Waddock, D Thompson, M McCarthy, P Stephenson, J Goodman, E Sheringham, P Kerr, L Briley.
Referee: R Milford.

County care little for appearances

Notts County 4
Plymouth Argyle 0

By LOUISE TAYLOR

A SUNNY afternoon at Meadow Lane left a well-known first division player unimpressed by Notts County. "I would rather retire than play for that lot," he said.

Anyone joining County cannot expect many passes to feet, but they must be prepared to chase and chivvy, compete in the air, tackle wholeheartedly and run for 90 minutes.

Apart from Tommy Johnson, the England Under-21 winger, they are short on skill but long on making a nuisance of themselves, and will prove awkward opponents in the play-offs, which this result virtually assured them of reaching.

Defensively, Yates and Short are as solid a central pairing as any in the division, but a couple of potentially disastrous early back-passes from Paris suggested a vulnerability at full back. An under-strength Plymouth spurned those chances, and the inevitable happened in the thirtieth minute when, from 12 yards, the unmarked Draper side-footed the opening goal.

With Walter, Plymouth's reserve goalkeeper, dithering and Tallon approaching his central defensive duties in slow-motion, the final score was hardly remarkable, but it was surprising that the other three goals, the last a penalty, should come from Regis, who had contributed little in the first half.

Any defence would have found Johnson a handful, however. Dropped early in the season, Johnson has emerged from the experience with a with a new resilience. "Tommy had to realise he is part of a team, and not a pin-up boy," Neil Warnock, the County manager, said. That may be so, but County could do with more like him.

NOTTS COUNTY: S Cherry; C Palmer, A Paris, C Short, D Yates, D O'Riordan, D Thomas, P Turner, D Regis, M Draper (sub: G Chapman), T Johnson (sub: K Bartlett).
PLYMOUTH ARGYLE: D Walter; K Brown, R Cross, D Tallon (sub: P Robinson), A Burrows, D Garner, M Evans, K Hodges (sub: M Barlow), R Turner, A King, M Fiore.
Referee: P Harrison.

Wednesday's renaissance looks to a grander stage

Sheffield Wednesday 3
Barnsley 1

By IAN ROSS

RON Atkinson, the manager of Sheffield Wednesday, placed last weekend's Rumbelows Cup success into perspective in his programme notes by describing promotion to the first division as "the prize that really matters".

Twelve months ago, Hillsborough was awash with tears as Wednesday's lamentable form at the end of the season saw them relegated. It was unexpected, unnecessary and so traumatic that Atkinson saw fit to alleviate the suffering of supporters by predicting that his team would rise like a phoenix from the ashes.

Legend has it that the bird performs its metamorphosis only once every 500 years. Atkinson is forced to work within a slightly less flexible framework, but indications are that the faith he placed in his players will be rewarded. Wednesday require just six points from their final four League fixtures to return to the bigger stage which the club's enormous and loyal support deserves.

If all does go well in the next 14 days, Atkinson may well look back on this match as a turning point, for while his team show signs of fatigue and victory was perhaps a good deal less convincing than it might have been, a desire to succeed was the most discernible facet of a patchy performance.

Wednesday were, however, somewhat fortunate to be meeting a weary Barnsley team which was playing its fourth League game in just eight days.

Although the match was as ragged and forceful as one might expect of a South Yorkshire derby, there was much thoughtful football to admire in between the physical conflict.

After an opening spell of little fluency, Wednesday moved in front after 38 minutes when Hirst, a former Barnsley player, turned smartly in the penalty area to score for the first time in 11 matches. Less than a minute later, Smith, a former Wednesday player, headed in an Agnew free kick to produce an equally adept finish.

But for a moment of genuine enterprise by Harkes, the United States international, the game may well have ended in impasse, such was the composure of the two defences. Having collected King's short corner in the 59th minute, Harkes ignored pleas to deliver a cross to the far post and imperiously swept a left-foot drive into the roof of the net from 20 yards.

"My manager and coach had been screaming at me to stop cutting inside and using my left foot but on this occasion I chose to ignore them," Harkes said.

MacKenzie, a second-half substitute, added a third in injury time but Barnsley had long accepted that the game, and possibly their season, was over.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY: C Turner; J Harkes, P King, C Palmer, P Shirtliff (sub: S MacKenzie), V Anderson, D Wilson, J Sheridan, D Hirst, P Williams. T Francis (sub: G Watson).
BARNSLEY: C Baker; B McCord (sub: S Rimmer), G Fleming, I Banks, M Smith, C Tiler, B O'Connell, A Rammell, A Saville (sub: J Taggart), S Agnew, O Archdeacon.
Referee: J Worrall.

Hoddle's fear of falling recedes

SECOND DIVISION

By LOUISE TAYLOR

THE prospect of Glenn Hoddle being the player-manager of a third division side next season diminished when his Swindon Town beat Leicester City 5-2 at the County Ground on Saturday. Three goals from Steve Foley, a penalty from Mike Hazard and an own goal from Tony James left Leicester one place and one point above the two second-division relegation positions.

Hull City, at the foot of the table, are already condemned to third-division football next season after losing 1-0 at home to sixth-placed Brighton, who bolstered their own hopes of taking part in the promotion play-offs. Yet Brighton, who had failed to score for more than seven hours, left it late, Barham's goal securing three points in the 87th minute.

West Bromwich Albion occupy penultimate place, their 1-1 draw at home to Port Vale enabling Watford to hoist themselves out of the demotion zone with a 1-0 win at Portsmouth.

The managers of all the sides involved in the relegation struggle — Terry Dolan at Hull, Bobby Gould at West Bromwich, Gordon Lee at Leicester and Steve Perryman at Watford — joined their clubs after the dismissal of their predecessors during this season. One wonders what regrets they and their chairmen might harbour.

It is a year since Colin Todd stepped into Bruce Rioch's shoes at Middlesbrough, and his team increased their chances of meeting Rioch's Millwall in the play-offs by beating Wolverhampton Wanderers 2-0, with goals from Ripley and Hendrie, at Ayresome Park.

West Ham United may be already promoted, but their 3-1 defeat at struggling Blackburn Rovers was unscheduled. Billy Bonds, the West Ham manager, said: "If we play like that, the title is not even a possibility. I could have substituted the whole team: there was not a player on my side who performed."

Kennedy draws support

A CROWD of 18,224 supported the benefit match for Ray Kennedy between Arsenal and Liverpool, his two former clubs, at Highbury on Saturday.

Kenny Dalglish, the former Liverpool manager, and his successor, Graeme Souness, played together in the Liverpool side that won the match 3-1.

Kennedy, aged 39, who is suffering from Parkinson's disease said: "It was a fantastic show of support, seeing as I have not been here for a few years. It was tremendous. The two clubs could not have done any more for me."

Liverpool took the lead when Jan Molby scored a penalty after Dalglish was tripped by Jim Leighton, the goalkeeper. Arsenal equalised with a goal by Kevin Campbell after 20 minutes. David Speedie and Peter Beardsley won the match for Liverpool with late goals.

Kennedy spent five years at Arsenal and eight years at Liverpool, winning five League championship medals and three European Cup winners' medals. He played for England 17 times.

WEEKEND FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES

B International

ENGLAND (0) 1 ICELAND (0) 0
Clough 46 — 3,814

Barclays League First division

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
*Arsenal	35	13	4	0	42	8	9	8	1	23	6	78
Liverpool	35	13	3	2	48	13	9	4	4	32	21	73
C Palace	36	10	8	2	23	17	8	3	7	21	24	63
Man City	36	11	3	4	32	23	5	8	5	29	27	59
Leeds Utd	35	10	2	5	36	20	7	5	6	19	20	58
Man Utd	34	10	2	4	32	18	5	5	4	23	22	55
Wimbledon	36	8	6	4	28	19	6	7	5	24	23	55
Notts For	35	9	4	4	36	17	3	7	8	22	28	47
Tottenham	35	8	8	2	34	21	3	6	8	15	25	47
QPR	36	8	4	6	26	21	4	5	9	17	30	45
Chelsea	36	9	6	3	29	23	3	3	12	23	42	45
Everton	35	8	5	5	25	15	3	6	8	20	28	44
Luton	36	9	5	4	32	21	3	3	12	23	41	44
Coventry	35	10	2	5	27	16	1	5	12	11	27	43
Sheff Utd	35	8	3	7	21	22	4	3	10	12	30	42
Norwich	35	8	3	7	26	32	4	3	10	12	28	42
A Villa	35	8	8	3	25	22	2	5	11	15	28	37
Luton	36	6	5	7	20	18	3	2	13	20	42	34
Sunderland	36	6	5	7	15	16	2	4	12	21	41	33
Derby Co	35	2	8	7	17	31	2	1	15	12	37	21

* 2 points deducted
* 1 point deducted

Ray Kennedy Testimonial

ARSENAL XI 1 LIVERPOOL XI 3

VAUXHALL LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury 3 Carshalton 2; Barking 1, Windsor and Eton 1; Enfield 4, Bognor 0; Harrow 1, St Albans 1; Hendon 1, Basingstoke 2; Kingstonian 2, Bishop's Stortford 2; Leyton-Wingate 1, Hayes 2; Rochdale Forest 0, Woking 1; Staines 1, Slough 2; Wivenhoe 1, Marlow 1; Wokingham 0, Dagenham 2. First division: Bromley 3, Boreham Wood 0; Chalfont St Peter 1, Dulwich 0; Croydon 0, Aveley 5; Heybridge Swifts 5, Lewes 0; Hitchin 2, Whyteleafe 0; Metropolitan Police 0, Harlow 2; Molesey 3, Barking 0; Walton and Hersham 0, Chesham 2; Wembley 0, Southwick 1; Worthing 0, Uxbridge 6, Yeading 2, Tooting and Mitcham 0. Second division north: Barton 2, Saffron Walden 1; Berkhamsted 0, Stevenage Borough 0; Billericay 0, Collier Row 1; Clapton 0, Vauxhall Motors 0, Finchley 2, Kingsbury 3, Hertford 5, Basildon 2; Hemel Hempstead 3, Purfleet 3, Ware 3, Royston 0, Witham 1; Tilbury 1, Edgware 1, Thetford 0, Hemel Hempstead 3. Second division south: Banstead Athletic 0, Southall 0; Bracknell 0, Chertsey 3; Cove 1, Ruislip Manor 1; Eastbourne U, Harefield 4, Epsom and Ewell 3, Hampton 2, Feltham 2; Leatherhead 1, Flackwell Heath 1, Egham 4; Hungerford 1, Abingdon 2, Maidenhead 0, Newbury 0, Malden Vale 2, Camberley 0; Petersfield 1, Horsham 3.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bangor City 1, Mattock 0, Buxton 0, Mannr 3, Fleetwood 5, Frickley 0, Leek 1, Horwich 2, Shepshad 2, Southport 2, South Liverpool 0, Morecambe 4, Witton 3, Bishop Auckland 3. First division: Alfreton 4, Workington 3, Brodsington Town 3, Rhyl 0, Congleton 3, Accrington Stanley 3, Eastwood Town 2, Caernarfon 1, Lancaster 0, Emley 1; Netherfield 1, Farsley Celtic 2, Warrington 4, Harrogate 0, Winsford 4, Irlam 3, Worksop 6, Curzon Ashton 0.

Second division

BLACKBURN (3)	3	WEST HAM (1)	1
Richardson 2		Dowie 43	
Atkins 4		10,808	
Sellars 14			
BRISTOL C (1)	1	MILLWALL (0)	4
Morgan 44		Sheringham 55 65 81	
16,741		Thompson 89	
CHARLTON (0)	1	NEWCASTLE (0)	0
Peake 80		7,234	
HULL (0)	0	BRIGHTON (0)	1
4,037		Barham 87	
IPSWICH (0)	1	OLDHAM (1)	2
Kiwomya 80		Marshall 39 67	
12,202			
MIDDLESBRO (1)	2	WOLVES (0)	0
Ripley 11 Hendrie 82		16,447	
NOTTS CO (1)	4	PLYMOUTH (0)	0
Draper 30		7,370	
Regis 73 74 89 (pen)			
OXFORD (3)	3	BRISTOL R (1)	1
Simpson 12		White 24	
Magilton 22		6,744	
Jones 27 og			
PORTSMTH (0)	0	WATFORD (0)	1
10,074		Falconer 83	
SHEFF WED (1)	3	BARNSLEY (1)	1
Hirst 37 Harkes 59		Smith 39	
MacKenzie 89		30,693	
SWINDON (3)	5	LEICESTER (2)	2
Foley 22		James 17 42	
Hazard 29 (pen)		10,404	
James 44 og			
Foley 79 89			
WBA (0)	1	PORT VALE (1)	1
Goodman 74		Earle 22	
13,650			

	HOME						AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Ham	43	14	6	1	39	16	9	8	5	18	15	83
Oldham	43	15	5	1	50	19	8	8	5	28	30	82
Sheff Wed	42	10	10	1	39	21	10	5	5	34	24	78
Notts Co	43	12	4	5	40	27	8	7	7	29	26	71
Millwall	44	10	6	6	41	27	8	7	7	26	26	70
Brighton	44	11	4	7	35	30	8	5	9	30	26	66
Middlesbro	43	11	4	7	34	17	8	5	6	30	27	66
Bristol C	43	14	4	4	43	27	5	7	9	24	30	63
Barnsley	43	12	6	3	37	15	5	5	11	22	31	62
Oxford	44	10	9	3	41	26	4	10	8	30	36	61
Bristol R	43	11	8	5	28	19	4	6	11	26	35	57
Newcastle	43	8	10	4	33	20	6	5	10	23	32	57
Charlton	44	8	6	8	26	24	5	10	7	30	34	55
Wolves	44	10	6	6	42	34	2	12	8	17	27	54
Ipswich	43	8	8	6	29	26	4	10	7	28	35	54
Port Vale	43	9	3	9	26	22	5	7	10	23	39	52
Blackburn	44	8	5	9	25	26	6	4	12	24	37	51
Swindon	44	8	5	9	30	28	4	8	10	33	40	50
Portsmouth	44	9	6	7	31	26	4	5	13	23	40	50
Plymouth	44	9	10	3	34	20	2	7	13	18	46	50
Watford	44	5	8	9	22	28	6	7	9	20	27	48
Leicester	44	11	4	7	40	33	2	4	16	17	47	47
WBA	44	7	10	5	25	20	3	6	13	25	39	46
Hull	44	5	10	7	33	32	3	5	14	20	52	39

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Crawley 1, Atherstone 0; Dover 0, Poole 0; Farnborough 1, Burton 0; Gloucester 3, Waterlooville 1, Halesowen 0, Dorchester 0; Moor Green 0, Bashley 1; Rushden 6, Chelmsford 1; VS Rugby 3, Dartford 0; Weeldstone 1, Cambridge City 1; Weymouth 1, Gravesend 2. Midland division: Barry 1, Nuneaton Borough 1; Bilston 1, Tamworth 2; Bridgnorth 3, Leicester United 2; Corby 2, Newport AFC 1; Dudley 2, Willenhall 2; Grantham 3, Hinckley 3; Hednesford 2, Stourbridge 2; King's Lynn 2, RC Warwick 0; Redditch 1, Bedworth 0; Stroud 0, Alvechurch 1; Sutton Coldfield 0, Spalding 0. Southern division: Ashford 5, Andover 1; Baldock 2, Gosport Borough 2; Canterbury 1, Burnham 1; Corinthian 0, Witney 0; Fareham 1, Bury 3; Hythe 0, Buckingham 0; Margate 3, Sudbury 2; Newport IOW 0, Dunstable 0; Trowbridge 2, Salisbury 2; Yate 3, Hastings 0.

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Tottenham 6, Ipswich 0; Wimbledon 0, Arsenal 4.

Third division

BOURNMTH (0)	3	HUDDERSFLD (1)	1
Watson 29		O'Regan 39 (pen)	
Blissett 36		6,888	
Bond 43			
BIRMINGHAM (0)	0	CREWE (1)	2
6,429		Edwards 18 89	
BRENTFORD (0)	1	READING (0)	0
Millen 89		6,398	
BURY (1)	1	FULHAM (1)	1
Robertson 16		Pike 37	
3,217			
CHESTER (1)	1	PRESTON (0)	1
Abel 33 (pen)		Joyce 89	
1,351			
EXETER (1)	1	SOUTHEND (1)	2
Cooper 31		Ansah 5	
4,941		Hiley 60 og	
L ORIENT (0)	0	GRIMSBY (1)	2
4,306		Bertles 44 Watson 47	
MANSFIELD (0)	0	TRANMERE (0)	2
2,363		Steel 51	
		Morrissey 84	
ROTHERHM (1)	2	BOLTON (0)	2
Goodwin 36		Cunningham 56 73	
Duffield 89		6,045	
STOKE (2)	2	BRADFORD (1)	1
Ellis 18 Butler 44		Babb 19	
6,946			
SWANSEA (0)	0	SHRWSBRY (0)	1
3,152		Harris 67 og	
WIGAN (0)	0	CAMBRIDGE (1)	1
3,273		Dublin 20	

	HOME						AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Southend	42	13	4	3	33	21	12	1	9	32	28	80
Grimsby	44	15	3	4	40	12	8	7	7	24	21	76
Cambridge	42	12	5	4	36	21	11	5	5	31	20	79
Bolton	44	13	5	4	32	18	9	8	7	29	31	77
Tranmere	43	12	5	4	35	18	9	4	9	24	25	72
Brentford	43	12	4	6	30	20	7	9	5	26	24	70
Bury	44	13	6	3	39	25	6	7	9	26	29	70
Bournemth	44	14	5	3	37	20	5	7	10	20	35	69
Wigan	44	13	3	6	37	20	6	6	10	30	32	66
Huddersfld	44	13	3	6	37	22	5	9	8	20	28	66
Birmingham	44	9	9	5	21	20	7	8	7	23	26	62
Bradford	41	12	3	7	35	22	5	7	7	21	26	61
Stoke	44	9	9	7	36	29	7	5	10	19	29	59
L Orient	42	14	2	6	31	19	3	5	12	18	37	58
Reading	42	10	5	6	32	26	6	3	12	16	29	56
Exeter	43	11	6	4	32	15	4	3	15	22	34	54
Preston	43	10	5	7	31	28	4	5	12	20	36	52
Chester	42	9	3	9	23	24	4	6	12	19	30	48
Swansea	42	8	5	8	29	29	5	3	13	18	37	47
Shrewsbury	42	8	7	6	21	20	5	3	13	31	43	43
Fulham	44	8	7	7	26	21	1	8	13	13	34	42
Rotherham	43	4	10	8	28	36	5	2	14	18	45	39
Crewe	43	4	9	8	22	34	5	2	15	26	42	38
Mansfield	44	5	7	10	23	27	3	6	13	19	33	37

Fourth division

ALDERSHOT (1)	1	GILLINGHAM (0)	0
Puckett 37		2,083	
BLACKPOOL (2)	3	STOCKPORT (1)	2
Eyres 32		Finlay 20 Gannon 65	
Garner 43 59		8,590	
CARLISLE (2)	4	SCARBORO (0)	1
Sendall 22 Miller 45		Fletcher 52	
Fyfe 72 85		1,782	
DONCASTER (1)	1	CARDIFF (1)	1
Noteman 24		Heath 39	
2,227			
HEREFORD (1)	1	HALIFAX (0)	0
Brain 8		1,820	
MAIDSTONE (1)	1	BURNLEY (0)	0
Gall 42 (pen)		3,130	
NORTHPTN (0)	0	DARLINGTN (3)	3
4,984		Borthwick 7 Cook 11	
		Trotter 17	
PETERBORO (0)	1	HARTLPOOL (0)	1
Barry 67 (pen)		Allon 62	
7,636			
ROCHDALE (0)	0	LINCOLN (0)	0
1,481			
SCUNTHRPE (0)	3	CHESTRFLD (0)	0
Dewa 72		3,046	
Flounders 74 79			
WREXHAM (0)	2	TORQUAY (0)	1
Bowden 62 Jones 76		Elliott 90	
1,281			

	HOME						AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Darlington	44	12	8	2	34	14	9	9	4	31	22	80
Stockport	44	15	6	1	46	19	6	7	9	26	28	76
Peterboro	43	11	9	1	32	15	8	7	7	27	28	73
Hartlepool	43	13	5	3	31	14	8	5	9	29	32	73
Blackpool	42	15	3	3	51	16	6	6	9	22	27	72
Burnley	43	15	5	1	43	16	8	4	12	24	35	72
Northampto	43	14	4	4	33	20	4	8	9	21	32	66
Torquay	42	12	7	2	33	12	4	10	7	34	30	65
Scunthorpe	43	15	4	2	47	19	3	7	12	20	37	65
Doncaster	42	12	4	5	35	20	5	9	7	20	21	64
Scarboro	43	12	5	5	34	26	5	7	9	22	33	63
Rochdale	43	9	8	4	27	21	5	8	9	21	29	55
Cardiff	43	10	4	7	25	22	5	9	8	17	26	55
Lincoln	44	9	7	6	28	25	4	9	9	17	33	55
Hereford	42	9	10	3	31	16	4	4	12	19	32	53
Gillingham	43	8	9	5	33	27	3	9	9	22	29	51
Maidstone	42	9	3	8	41	32	4	5	12	24	37	48
Walsall	44	8	12	4	28	17	4	5	13	19	34	47
York	44	8	6	8	21	21	3	7	12	23	32	46
Chesterfld	43	7	11	3	30	24	4	2	16	13	36	46
Carlisle	43	11	3	8	27	28	1	5	15	15	53	44
Halifax	44	8	6	8	31	29	3	4	15	25	48	43
Aldershot	42	8	7	7	28	29	2	3	15	22	51	40
Wrexham	43	7	7	9	30	30	2	3	16	15	36	37

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Manchester 1, Notts Forest 0; Sheffield 3, Aston Villa 1.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Bangor 2, Carrick 1; Cliftonville 1, Ballymena 3; Coleraine 1, Crusaders 1; Distillery 0, Portadown 0; Glenavon 4, Ballyclare Comrades 0; Glentoran 4, Omagh Town 1; Larne 0, Ards 2. Postponed: Newry v Linfield.

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: Bank of England 0, Cuaco 4; Barclays Bank 0, British Petroleum 2; Carshalton 2, Old Actonians 2; East Barnet Old 0, Old Bromleians 1; Norseman 2, Nat/West Bank 0; Old Salesians 2, West Wickham 4; Old Stationers 1, Midland Bank 2; Reigate Priory 1, Royal Bank of Scotland 3; Winchmore Hill 1, Old Esthamians 1.

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Latymer Old Boys 2, Glyn Old Boys 2; Chertsey Old Salesians 1, Enfield Old Grammarian 0; Old Meadonians 3, Old Danes 2.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Great Yarmouth 1, Clacton 0; Haverhill 1, Gorleston 0; Histon 2, Felixstowe 1; Lowestoft 1, Wisbech 2; March 3, Harwich and Parkeston 1; Newmarket 0, Thetford 3; Wroxham 0, Halstead 1.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Atherton LR 1, Salford 1; Bacup Borough 0, Eastwood Hanley 0; Colwyn Bay 3, St Helens 1; Darwen 0, Flixton 0; Maine Road (Man) 2, Penrith 1; Nantwich 0, Knowsley 4; Prescot 5, Clitheroe 2. Postponed: Bootle v Leyland DAF.

ABACUS WELSH LEAGUE: National division: Abergavenny 3, Bridgend 1; Aberystwyth 1, Inter Cardiff 0; Afan Lido 0, Ton Pentre 0; Brecon 7, Ammanford 0; Briton Ferry 3, Llanelli 0; Port Talbot 0, Haverfordwest 0.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Barnstable 1, Taunton 1; Chippenham 1, Tiverton 0; Dawlish 2, Ottery St Mary 1; Exmouth 0, Frome 1; Liskeard Athletic 2, Bristol Manor Farm 1; Plym

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Hodge could play Gascoigne's role against the Turks

England B..... 1
Iceland..... 0

By STUART JONES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

STEVE Hodge and Gary Mabbutt were the two individuals to benefit most from an occasion which amounted to a private England trial at Vicarage Road on Saturday. Apart from Brian Deane's vociferous fan club, transported in two coaches from Sheffield, the terraces were hushed and almost empty.

The affair, though low-key, was nevertheless significant for the players who were once united at White Hart Lane. Hodge, through sheer industry, has probably played himself into the role which would have been filled by Gascoigne in the European championship qualifying tie against Turkey in Izmir on Wednesday afternoon.

A knee injury, which kept him out of Nottingham Forest's FA Cup semi-final victory over West Ham United a fortnight ago, has restricted his activities for a couple of months. His fitness rather than his ability was in question and, in scurrying around in his usual manner until the end, he passed the test.

Hodge made his debut as a substitute five years ago in the Soviet Union, where Beardsley first made an impact. The pair subsequently played a prominent role in the later stages of the World Cup in Mexico. Their international careers are now following different paths.

Whereas Beardsley has been discarded with Robson and Waddle, Hodge could be about to open his own third chapter. Recalled briefly by Bobby Robson during the build-up to the last World Cup, he has been chosen only five times since appearing against Scotland in 1987.

He plays in central midfield for his club but has never yet been selected there for his country. It is likely, though, that he will act as the foil for Platt against the Turks. More reliable but less creative than Gascoigne, he confirmed that he can carry the physical burden.

"He worked very hard," Graham Taylor, the England manager, said. He and the equally combative Batty, promoted to the senior squad last week once Gascoigne was withdrawn, contained the threat posed principally by Porcasson, the most influential member of an Iceland side prominent for strength rather than skill.

Mabbutt has been drafted into the senior squad to cover for Parker, whose damaged shoulder is still painful. Tottenham Hotspur's sound central defender represented the touch of class amid the B defence.

England's contribution was inevitably disjointed. Strangers brought together after only one team talk, they were attempting to put forward their own individual cases for further recognition as well as performing for the collective cause. Few did so successfully.

Pallister was vulnerable on the ground, Chapman appeared cumbersome, White was largely anonymous and Clough, apart from scoring a spectacular volley, seemed out of sorts. England created few chances but Taylor was "interested" in two of the substitutes brought on in the second half, Curle and Stewart. Both of them will be considered for tour of Australia and the Far East, as will the likes of Dorigo and Joseph.

"It was an ideal opportunity to look at those on the edge of the first team and to assess the new players," Lawrie McMenemy, who was in charge of the side, said. "We were ragged at times and Iceland were the better outfit. It was not a classic but you're not going to get that with a scratch team.

"We had a shot and a header from Batty (who has not scored for three years), so that was a plus. There was nothing there to stop us believing that we should play as many B games as possible."

ENGLAND B: N Spink (Aston Villa); R Joseph (Wimbledon), A Dorigo (Chelsea), D Batty (Leeds United), G Mabbutt (Tottenham Hotspur), G Pallister (Manchester United; sub: K Curle, Wimbledon), D White (Manchester City), N Clough (Nottingham Forest), L Chapman (Leeds United; sub: B Deane, Sheffield United), S Hodge (Nottingham Forest), W Barton (Wimbledon; sub: P Stewart, Tottenham Hotspur).
ICELAND: O Gottskalksson (KR); G Gislason (Hacken), A Edvalsson (KR), R Kristinsson (KR; sub: G Einarsson, Vidir), S Grotarsson (Grasshoppers), S Jonsson (Valur), G Bergsson (Tottenham Hotspur), T Orlygsson (Nottingham Forest), A Sudjohnsen (Bordeaux), O Porcasson (KR), A Gregory (Valur).
Referee: K Burge (Wales).

Darlington stay clear of the pack

THIRD AND FOURTH DIVISIONS

By KEITH BLACKMORE

THE fourth division has turned into a dogfight this season, even without the threat of relegation for the bottom team, and only Darlington have managed to stay ahead of the snapping pack. Their 3-0 win against Northampton Town at the County Ground on Saturday carried them to the brink of promotion.

Victory against Scunthorpe United at Glanford Park next Saturday will take them into the third division, two years, almost to the day, after a 5-1 defeat at the same ground that dropped them out of the League.

Since that dismal afternoon, Darlington have gone from strength to strength, regaining their place in the fourth division by winning the GM Vauxhall Conference. Even so, Brian Little, their manager, did not know what to expect this season. "If we win our last two matches, we will go up as champions, which is certainly not something that anyone could have envisaged," he said.

Darlington were helped by the arrival of Mick Tait on a free transfer from Reading. Aged 34, with almost 600 League appearances behind him, Tait has become the best sweeper in the division. "We played him in midfield in the first game of the season and we were not quite right," Little recalled. "Injuries pushed me into moving him to sweeper for the next and I have not wanted to move him since."

Tait was well to the fore on Saturday in a match which was as good as over by the seventeenth minute. By then, Darlington were three goals up, through Borthwick, Cook — with a superb volley — and Trotter.

In the third division, all three of the leaders won. Southend United beat Exeter City 2-1 to retain the top place, but they could be dislodged tomorrow by Cambridge United, who beat Wigan Athletic 1-0.

NORTHAMPTON TOWN: P Gleasure; P Chard, P Wilson, S Terry, A Thorpe (sub: W Williams), T Angus, S Reeves, S Berry, A Adcock, R Barnes, S Brown (sub: D Johnson).
DARLINGTON: M Prudhoe; L McJannet, F Gray, J Willis, K Smith, M Trotter, M Cook, A Toman, J Borthwick, D Cork (sub: A Evans), M Tait.
Referee: W Burns.

Barnet's promotion hopes are kept alive

Barnet..... 3
Welling United..... 2

By WALTER GAMMIE

BARNET all over, it was. Two goals to the good and cruising, they recklessly gave away their lead before scrambling to victory with an 86th-minute penalty. No wonder they provide such entertainment, but generate such doubts among their supporters who believe their team is forever destined to finish one place short of leaving the GM Vauxhall Conference.

Altrincham's 2-1 defeat at Stafford yesterday, however, kept alive the chase for a Football League place, which continues tonight with Barnet facing a tough away test at Wycombe Wanderers.

Barnet had moved smoothly ahead. Gary Bull harassed Paul Barron into letting slip a backpass to present him with the first goal and Frank Murphy struck a perfect curling shot for the second. Shots by Bull and Tomlinson, and a header by Murphy, which hit the woodwork, might have made Barnet's jitters unnecessary but Welling unexpectedly took charge with two goals in four minutes, a glancing header by Booker, newly arrived as a substitute, and a soft goal by Robbins.

Carter, thrown on with Lynch by Barry Fry, the Barnet manager, in a double substitution, retrieved the match when brought down by Robinson as he ran on to a measured pass by Lowe. Bull crashed in his 26th Conference goal of the season from the penalty spot.

Robinson was restrained by his fellow defender, Ransom, and Nicky Brigden, the manager, from continuing his furious protest after the final whistle.

BARNET: G Phillips; D Howell, P Wilson, G Poole, M Bodley, P Richardson, D Tomlinson (sub: A Lynch), R Wills, G Bull, K Lowe, F Murphy (sub: M Carter).
WELLING: P Barron; W Brown, S Robinson, J Glover (sub: J Francis), N Ransom, N Clemmence (sub: T Booker), S White, P Hansford, G Abbott, T Robbins, A Reynolds.
Referee: A Butler.

Aberdeen press hard

THE Scottish championship is almost certain to be settled on the final day when Rangers, the champions, meet Aberdeen, their principal challengers, at Ibrox (Roddy Forsyth writes).

Unless Aberdeen stumble at home against St Johnstone on Saturday — or Rangers score several goals against Motherwell the same day — the Pittodrie club will travel to Glasgow with the title in reach.

At the weekend, they emerged from Love Street with a 1-0 win against St Mirren after a late goal by Bett. He had been switched to a forward position to accommodate the arrival as substitute of Van der Ven, who provided him with the pass which put him clear.

Nicholas gave Celtic a 1-0 win at Tynecastle, although Rogan was sent off late in the game. The Glasgow side and Heart of Midlothian were vying for a place in next season's Uefa Cup. Celtic are two points behind Dundee United, and may need United to win the Scottish Cup to secure that place.

London Irish move up as rugby union's English club championship reaches its climax

Irish need recruits next season

Richmond..... 18
London Irish 18

By DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

MARC ASPLAND



Going down: Rydon, of Richmond, making a determined effort to force his way over after being caught in a tackle by the London Irish defence

WITH a *coup de théâtre* worthy of Wilde, London Irish ensured first-division football at Sunbury next season, though the epithets expressing relief were more pithy than those of Oscar. Brian Mullen's dropped goal in the final minute of time on Saturday gave the Irish the draw they required for promotion from the second division of the Courage Clubs Championship though, as it transpired, had they lost they would still have gone up because of events elsewhere.

And Richmond, had they won, would still have gone down. But the manner of their going must encourage confidence that they can return immediately from the third division. If the drawn game — two goals and two penalty goals to a goal, three penalties and a dropped goal — at the Richmond Athletic ground proved anything it was the even spread of ability which has been apparent all season throughout the second division and, consequently, the difficulties that those promoted will face in the first.

The Irish pack which played so indifferently in the first half against Richmond, and not so much better in the second, will be blown away by most first-division sides unless there is some fairly shrewd recruitment during the summer. Likewise, Richmond's optimism must be based on keeping together the youthful squad they have at present, though club officials are all too aware of the lures which may be put in the way of such promising players as Hutton or Fowler.

Sadly, the demise of the first XV is hardly a true reflection of the enthusiasm of the entire club. Though the crowd of well over 3,000 on Saturday was swollen by Irish supporters, few clubs have such a thriving junior and women's section and all the senior sides are in credit for the season — save the first team.

Adrian Alexander, the former Harlequin recently reinstated after his period in rugby league, has joined the coaching panel, the administrative wrinkles have been sorted out (alas, too late for this season), but if the players remain true to their mutual promise in the immediate aftermath of Saturday's game, they will stay together to bounce back.

For the Irish, meanwhile, it was the attainment of a dream which will substantially assist their recruitment programme. Not that, at 18-3 down at half-time, they looked likely first-division material: they won little decent ball, they missed tackles, Saunders dislocated his finger and Staples and Curtis were struggling with their fitness.

Much has been made of the Irish back division but on the day, Richmond's did not lack by comparison. Livesey harnessed the deceptively strong breeze, Elliott ran with vigour and Hancock mixed his game neatly; Livesey opened with two penalties before tries by Williams and Hutton, squeezing into the corner, exposed cracks in the Irish wall.

In the second half too, even after their domination of the ball had deserted them, Richmond ran with guile from their own line and it was the harshest of decisions which recalled them for a forward pass with the Irish corner-flagging more in hope than anything else. However, a half-time talk-in had galvanised the Irish forwards, who started to win ball through Miller and Higgins, and Mullen started to kick goals, though with varying degrees of confidence.

One penalty soared off the crossbar and over, a second went under and a third glanced off an upright. In between, Staples was set free and helped the two Oxford Blues, Haly and Moloney, create a splendid try. Yet it seemed hard on Richmond that a crooked scrum feed should give Mullen his final chance of drawing the scores.

SCORERS: Richmond: Tries: Williams, Hutton Conversions: Livesey (2) Penalty goals: Livesey (2) London Irish: Try: Moloney Conversion: Mullen Penalty goals: Mullen (3) Dropped goal: Mullen
RICHMOND: J Clark (rep: J Wilks); M Hutton, D Elliott, R Rydon, J Ferris; M Livesey, M Hancock, J Foster, C Miller, D Goodwin, H Lamb, J Lewis, J Fowler A Evans, S Williams
LONDON IRISH: J Staples, S Geoghegan, D Curtis, R Moloney, C Haly, B Mullen, R Saunders, N Donovan, M Leonard, F Griffin, P Neary, I Stevens, A Higgins, G Taylor, A Miller
Referee: D Hudson (Manchester)

Coventry hopes shut out

Sale 23
Coventry 16

By MICHAEL STEVENSON

IF THE state of the ground at Brooklands on Saturday had been caused by frost and not drought, Sale's second division match would probably not have been played. However, a deserved victory for Sale, by a goal, two tries and three penalties to two goals and a try, ended Coventry's ambition of first division rugby next season.

Minshull played superbly for Coventry, scoring their first try and making the others and Mackie, who won good lineout possession, was the pick of the pack. Whitcombe, Kenrick and MacFarlane impressed for Sale.

Coventry should have led when Steve Thomas missed an easy penalty but Sale had the better of the early exchanges and led when Booth feinted to kick then unleashed his backs for Ogdon to power through in the centre, making Booth's conversion a formality.

Immediately, Ogdon missed a scoring chance when he went for a try with Powell clear and, when he dropped the ball 35 metres out, Minshull snapped it up and hared in for a gift try that Angell converted.

Sale pulled away after the interval then, almost fatally, became complacent. Booth's first penalty was followed by his diagonal blind-side break and inside scoring pass to Kenrick. His second penalty opened a ten-point lead. Two breaks by Minshull made tries for Smith and the speedy McKenzie but MacFarlane put Powell in with a good No. 8 move and Booth's third penalty guaranteed there would be no surprises.

SCORERS: Sale: Tries: Kenrick, Ogdon, Powell. Conversion: Booth. Penalty goals: Booth (3). Coventry: Tries: Minshull, Smith, McKenzie. Conversions: Angell, Falin.
SALE: J Mellinder; J Powell, P Stansfield, S Ogdon, S Burnhill; P Jee, R Booth; M Whitcombe, D Taylor, N Wheeler, S Morrison, D Syddall, D Baldwin, M Kenrick, A MacFarlane.
COVENTRY: A Parton; L McKenzie, M Falin, J Minshull, S Hall (rep: A Farrington); R Angell, S Thomas (rep: D Clark); G Thegerge, G Sharp, W Bullock, G Smith, J Hyde, R Mackie, P Thomas, I Pickup.
Referee: A Turner (RFU).

The divisional gap yawns before Rugby celebrants

Rugby 25
Newcastle Gosforth 8

By PETER BILLS

CELEBRATIONS at Rugby's extraordinary achievement in moving from an Area League North club in April 1988 to a first division club at the end of the 1990-1 season were tempered on Saturday evening by the comprehension of the task before them.

The Wimbledon of the rugby world, similarly employing a game plan which is not to the taste of all, took the second-division championship at Webb Ellis Road with this conclusive victory by three goals, a try and a penalty goal to two tries.

Admiration for Rugby's feat should perhaps be balanced by the fact that standards in the second division this season have been modest indeed. The gulf in playing levels between the first and second divisions suggests a painful adaptation for the two promoted clubs.

But Rugby have done all that could have been asked of them in winning 10 of their 12 league games.

Steve Gustard, the Gosforth coach, said: "They play a very sensible league game. They win the ball, drive it on and then kick it. They keep things very close."

Gustard believes Rugby will need not only to expand their game in the first division but also to find some better forwards. Brain and the senior Mapletoft, both of whom are 36, will need replacing and Heywood has announced his retirement. But in Bishop they have a vibrant half back, strong and steady behind his powerful pack. Ellis had an outstanding game as a forager and Revan is a redoubtable prop.

Greater subtlety, variety and quality may be needed in midfield to release Saunders, a fast and elusive wing who roams everywhere in pursuit of work.

Gosforth contested the game until early in the second half when their tight forwards, always under pressure, conceded a penalty try. That changed a 10-8 half-time deficit into 16-8 and steadied Rugby nerves.

Johnson's poor clearance kick had given Shaw the first try and Bishop's break from good second-phase ball put Palmer over. Gosforth replied twice, Coates dashing across and Curry completing a good driven ball.

But the second half belonged to Rugby, and Pell's penalty followed by Bishop's last-minute try started the party. Alan Foster, the coach, said: "When the hangovers wear off we have to start reflecting on what is now required. It is crucial we survive the first year up there. If we do I believe we can then make real progress."

SCORERS: Rugby: Tries: Shaw, Palmer, Bishop, penalty try. Conversions: Vaudin (3). Penalty goal: Pell. Gosforth: Tries: Coates and Curry.
RUGBY: M Mapletoft; E Saunders, S Vaudin, M Palmer, K Shaw; R Pell, D Bishop; I Haywood, S Brain, T Revan, M Ellis, M Fleetwood, P Bowman, A Ruddlesdin, N Mapletoft.
GOSFORTH: J Whisker; G Spearman, P Holdstock, R Wilkinson, A Coates, D Johnson, S Douglas; M Fraser, N Frankland, J Curry, B Chick, T Roberts, S Gibbs, S Byrne, G Clark.
Referee: C J Hamson (East Midlands).

Thomas secures Plymouth

Plymouth Albion 15
Wakefield 9

By BARRY TROWBRIDGE

FIVE penalty goals from their Cornwall full back, Kevin Thomas, and results elsewhere ensured on Saturday a third season of second-division Courage Clubs Championship rugby at Beacon Park for Plymouth Albion. On this showing, Wakefield, too, have found their level and can have no complaints at their reply of a goal and a penalty goal in wasted perfect conditions.

Two points were always likely to mean more to Plymouth than Wakefield — who, even had they won, would have missed promotion — and spurred a side which, although never seriously threatened, showed scant belief in its limited ability. Had it been December or January, the Plymouth wings would have frozen; the centres, too, could have asked questions. But the ten-man game-plan worked.

Thomas put Plymouth ahead on seven minutes, foul play in the front row providing the penalty. Wakefield countered and Harrison went close on the right. From the scrummage his burst secured, Rawnsley fed Scully on the narrow side and with the defence nowhere the Yorkshiremen were ahead — 6-3 after Atkinson's conversion.

A punch by Garnett on his own 22 gave Thomas a second penalty goal, after 24 minutes, and with Plymouth starting to apply some pressure he landed a third five minutes before the break when the Wakefield pack collapsed the scrum at its own put-in, slightly nearer the posts.

From a wayward pass on half-way, Barley found himself floundering deep in his own half and conceded the penalty which put Plymouth 12-6 clear after 48 minutes. But the home side looked far from secure as Wakefield raised the pace in the last quarter.

Trying to gain points and time, Thomas was found wanting from just within his own half and from the ensuing break Wakefield won a penalty which Atkinson converted into vital points — two scores being a necessity. From the restart Wakefield's need to run cost them possession in front of their posts. After four scrummages they were penalised for pulling down and with 81 minutes on the clock, Thomas made it safe.

SCORERS: Plymouth Albion: Penalty goals: Thomas (5). Wakefield: Try: Scully. Conversion: Atkinson. Penalty goal: Atkinson.
PLYMOUTH ALBION: K Thomas; A Davies, N Leonard, B Vallance, R Penfold, M Thompson, S Kench; C Hocking, K Courtenay, N Saunders, A Bick, I Russell, M Wesson, K Norris, M Hewitt.
WAKEFIELD: R Bowers; M Harrison, A Atkinson, B Barley, M Murtagh (rep: P Maynard); S Townend, D Scully; S Wolford, S Cruise, R Latham, T Gennett, P Wood, P Stewart, D Cooper, M Rawnsley
Referee: T Ashworth (RFU).

Saracens fall foul of dazzling Bath

Saracens 6
Bath 49

By BRYAN STILES

IT RAINED on Bath's parade but it did not dampen the spirits of the faithful. Bath's travelling supporters — denied a glimpse of the trophy when Bath became Courage Club champions a fortnight ago on their home ground — turned out in force on Saturday to see the crowning ceremony in a heavy shower more than 100 miles from home.

They were rewarded for their dedication with as dazzling a finale to a season as they would wish. In the last 17 minutes Bath conjured up five breath-taking tries, delivered with a pace, precision and vision, it would be hard to better.

Bath registered eight tries altogether, demonstrating in graphic style why they are the leading team in England. They won by seven goals, one try, one penalty goal to two penalty goals.

Perhaps it was fitting that it was Saracens who found themselves at the receiving end. They beat Bath 9-7 in the corresponding fixture at the end of last season and denied them the championship.

Saracens' pack, with Clarke and Adamson in abrasive form, began by causing their heavier opponents plenty of problems in the loose. After half an hour, though, the Bath forwards were in almost complete control, Hall had charged through from ten metres out for their first try and Barnes had taken advantage of a huge dent the forwards had made in the defence to nip through for their second.

Webb hit an upright when attempting to convert Barnes' try, but added the points to Hall's and landed a penalty. Rudling kicked two penalties for Saracens to make the half-time score 13-6.

Webb and Barnes kicked beautifully to keep Saracens on the back foot and Guscott was at his wonderful best, lancing the Saracens defence with the delicacy of a surgeon's knife. He was rewarded with two tries and regular bursts of applause. For Saracens, there was no reward. They were being run ragged by forwards who looked more like threequarters as they interpassed at speed.

Redman, one of Bath's ten internationals, picked up their first try after the interval and in the try-parade that followed even Ubogu, the irrepressible Bath prop, got in on the act after one joyous gallop from halfway.

SCORERS: Saracens: Penalty goals: Rudling (2) Bath: Tries: Hall, Barnes, Redman, Fallon, Guscott (2), Ubogu, de Glanville Conversions: Webb (7) Penalty goal: Webb
SARACENS: S Robinson, M Gregory, J Buckton, D Dooley, P Hughes, (rep: R Tomsett, B Rudling, B Davies, A Rodd, J McFarland, R Andrews, C Tarbuck, R Malone L Adamson J Cassell, B Clarke
BATH: J Webb, A Swift, J Guscott P de Glanville, J Fallon, S Barnes, R Hall, V Ubogu G Dawe, G Chilcott, A Robinson, M Haag, N Redman, J Hall, S Ojomoh
Referee: D J Leslie (Manchester)

Andrew steps down

ROB Andrew, the England stand-off half, is to relinquish the captaincy of Wasps after two seasons (David Hands writes). Having led the club to the league title last season, he helped them ensure runners-up place on Saturday by scoring three tries and kicking six conversions in the 46-19 demolition of Bristol.

Colin Pinnegar, the lock who is retiring after nine seasons with Wasps, was permitted a successful conversion too while another retiring player, Paul Dodge, scored one of Leicester's tries in their 43-19 win at Moseley.

The brothers Underwood also did considerable damage, Rory scoring three tries and Tony two for Leicester.

Northampton, with next Saturday's cup final on their mind, crashed to a demoralising 48-0 win at Rosslyn Park.

Their opponents at Twickenham, Harlequins, sent a second XV to Kingsholm and lost 38-19, not assisted by the injury that put Mark Russell, their utility forward, off the field.

Scots dish out punishment

Scotland U-19 24
England U-19 7

By ALAN LORIMER

SCOTLAND'S under-19 team provided a degree of optimism for the future at international level by convincingly beating England under-19s at Stirling on Saturday.

For England, it was further proof that this has been an unprofitable year for their colts, despite having a pack with a physical presence and three-quarters endowed with pace. None of that was of any significance against a Scotland pack which handled and rucked more skilfully and had a much more dynamic look to it.

Behind a solid front row, Scotland's breakaway trio had an impressive game and accounted for three of their side's five tries. Scotland also fared better in the second-row battle, where Stuart Campbell shaded Matthew Howells up until the point when the Wolverhampton lock was forced, by injury, to retire from the game. England's best forward was the No. 8, Lawrence Dallaglio, of Wasps, whose running posed problems for the Scottish defence.

Scotland's other influential player was the scrum half, Graeme Burns, whose harassing of Marcus Olsen gave the England scrum half an uncomfortable afternoon. Burns capped a good display with a try minutes before full time from an England heel on their own line.

On a windy day when handling became hazardous, little was seen of the back lines but England, in scoring their only try, did produce a piece of classic play when, from a simple threequarter move, Jonathan Sleightholme had the chance to round his opposite number and race 50 metres for a fine try.

Scotland's other try was scored by the left wing, Ken Logan, from a pick-up by Graham and the link by Burns from a set scrum near the England line. Derek Bain, the Scotland stand-off half, failed with the conversion but the Melrose player added the extra points to two of Scotland's other tries.

SCORERS: Scotland: Tries: Logan, Graham, Ness (2). G Burns. Conversions: Bain (2). England: Try: Sleightholme. Penalty goal: Ketteringham.
SCOTLAND UNDER-19: M Thomson (Stewart's-Melville); S Litslewood (Dundee HS FP), K Milligan (Stewart's-Melville), D Hamilton (Dunfermline), K Logan (Stirling County); D Bain (Melrose), G Burns (Stewart's-Melville); R McNulty (Trinity Acad). D McGavin (Bedford), K Scott (Hawick Harlequins), A Ness (Glasgow High/Kelvinside), S Campbell (Dundee HS FP), D Burns (Biggar), N Penny (Stewart's-Melville), A Graham (Dundee HS FP).
ENGLAND UNDER-19: D Ketteringham (Northampton); D Sleightholme (Hull Ionians), S Thompson (Oxford OB), P McCarthy (Northampton), M White (Bristol); A Handley (De la Salle), M Olsen (Salisbury); D Molloy (Old Gaytonians), M Regan (Bristol), R Merritt (Bromsgrove), D Bourne (Lichfield), M Wright (Loughborough), M Howells (Wolverhampton), D McKinnon (Durham City), L Dallaglio (Wasps).
Referee: D Pascal (France)

Pontypool waste no talent

Pontypool 30
Swansea 20

By GERALD DAVIES

SWANSEA do not need reminding that appearances can deceive. Back in September, they were everyone's fancied team, behind only Neath, for the Heineken League championship. At about the same time, Pontypool were in a hole with players departing and others injured. They seemed to be struggling for a team.

Yet now at the end of the season, Swansea are third from the bottom of the premier division, while Pontypool are not only in a middle order position but are also in next Saturday's Schweppes Cup final.

The difference is that Swansea, for all their talent, only rarely make use of their resources whereas Pontypool, with Huish, the captain, setting the example, have to make sure everyone pulls his weight in every game. With Huish, and Oswald knowing how to get and keep possession, Jonathan and Phillips ensure they go forward. That they stayed largely in Swansea territory on Saturday was greatly assisted by the visitors' penchant for attempting to run out of defence and commit errors in doing so. Pontypool deserved to win by three goals, two penalties and two dropped goals to a goal, two tries and two penalties.

The match was played largely at forward and whenever anything else was attempted mistakes invariably followed. Pontypool will have to chance their arm next Saturday with more of the kind of subtlety in midfield which brought them their first try which Lewis scored and Parry converted. This added to the full back's two penalties and retrieved the lead which Swansea had taken with Steve Williams's try and Davies's penalty. Oswald's try and Parry's conversion extended this by half-time.

In the second half, Lewis scored another try, converted by Jones, who had replaced Parry, and added dropped goals by Phillips and Parry. Jonathan Evans and Parfitt got Swansea's tries, one of which was converted by Davies, who also kicked a penalty.

SCORERS: Pontypool: Tries: Lewis (2), Oswald. Conversions: Parry (3) Penalty goals: Parry (2) Dropped goals: Parry, Phillips. Swansea: Tries: S Williams, Parfitt, Evans. Penalty goals: G Davies (2) Conversion: G Davies.
PONTYPOOL: M Jones; S White, R Lewis, A Parry (rep: D Williams), S Hanson; D Phillips, C Jonathan; A Dibble, G Jenkins, L Mustoe (rep: S Jones), C Hush, N Jones, R Goodey, V Davies, D Oswald.
SWANSEA: G Davies, M Titley, S White (rep: M Wyatt), S Parfitt, B Taylor, K Price, A Williams, D Joseph, R McGryde, K Colclough, J Evans, R Moriarty, P Arnold, L Isaac. S Williams (rep. N Davies)
Referee: K Bracken (Cardiff)

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GOLF

Sherborne achieves his first victory on European Tour

PUERTO DE HIERRO, Spain (Agencies) — Andrew Sherborne discovered that he has the nerve to stand up under the most severe pressure as he came through to his first European Tour victory in the Madrid Open here yesterday. The Bristol professional collected the top prize of £45,825, more than he has ever earned in a whole season, with a superb last round of 66 to win by one stroke.

That six-birdie effort, without a bogey on the card, enabled him to overtake the local favourite, Miguel Martin, who led by three strokes at the start, and win with a 16-under-par total of 272.

Martin scored a 70 as Mark James, putting behind him the horrendous 88 in the third round of the Benson and Hedges International eight day ago, shot seven birdies in nine holes for a 65, the lowest round of the tournament, to snatch third place on 275. Sherborne gave scarcely a hint of winning form earlier this season, missing the first three cuts because he was out of practice after taking three months away from the game in the winter.

The 6ft 3in West Country player, aged 30, paid tribute to his golfing friend, Paul Curry, who noticed before the tournament at St Mellion that his alignment was all wrong.

Sherborne was eighteenth at St Mellion but admitted: "I certainly did not come here expecting to win. I was calm and collected until the 17th when I chopped a few. But they were usually straight and I got away with them. I tried not to be defensive the whole way round."

Sherborne was delighted with his encouraging start, getting up and down from a bunker at the 1st to save his par and then lofting a floated sand-wedge shot over a tree from an adjacent fairway, sinking a six-footer for a birdie.

There was a two-stroke swing on that hole as Martin, aged 29, a former caddie and also without a Tour victory to his credit, took three putts for a bogey, missing from inside a yard.

Sherborne caught the Spaniard by hitting his approach shot only two feet from the flag at the 4th and then took the lead when he holed from 15 feet at the 6th, Martin missing from less than a third of this distance.

Sherborne was never caught again but dealt Martin a mortal blow when he holed from 30 feet at the 11th, where the Spaniard was again only a few feet from the hole.

With his approach shot at the 12th, Sherborne hit the flag to go two clear, but Martin reduced that to one with a long-range effort for a birdie two holes from home. But he could get no closer, his putt taking the event into extra time, slipping past the cup on the last green.

VOLVO ORDER OF MERIT: 1, S Richardson (GB), £152,274; 2, J-M Olazábal (Sp), £98,667; 3, M McLean (GB), £76,564; 4, M A Martin (Sp), £73,832; 5, V Singh (Fiji), £73,589; 6, B Langer (Ger) and I Woosnam (GB), £58,650; 8, S Torrance (GB), £50,654; 9, G Levenson (SA), £50,050; 10, A Sherborne (GB), £55,014; 11, D Feherty (GB), £52,415; 12, M-A Jimenez (Sp), £52,400; 13, A Forsbrand (Swe), £49,615; 14, J Rivero (Sp), £47,100; 15, V Fernandez (Arg), £42,066; 16, M James (GB), £39,929; 17, B Lane (GB), £37,733; 18, P Walton (Ire), £36,187; 19, M Lanner (Swe), £35,968; 20, C Rocca (It), £31,131.

FINAL SCORES FROM MADRID

(British and Irish unless stated)

272: A Sherborne, 70, 67, 69, 66. 273: M A Martin (Sp), 69, 67, 67, 70. 275: M James, 71, 72, 67, 65. 276: V Singh (Fiji), 71, 68, 70, 67. 277: M Lanner (Swe), 72, 66, 70, 69. 278: D Smyth 72, 69, 70, 67. 279: D Feherty, 70, 66, 73, 68; P Curry, 70, 67, 74, 68; S Luna (Sp), 74, 66, 71, 68. 280: D Clarke, 70, 71, 70, 69; G Ralph, 71, 70, 67, 72. 281: M Gates, 72, 70, 71, 68; D Durnian, 74, 71, 68, 68; V Fernandez (Arg), 74, 70, 66, 69; G Levenson (SA), 73, 73, 66, 69; E Romero (Arg), 73, 66, 72, 70.

282: Y Beamonte (Sp), 73, 70, 72, 67; J M Carriles (Sp), 70, 74, 68, 70. 283: J Townsend (US), 74, 70, 72, 67; J Quiros (Sp), 74, 71, 70, 68; L Cabarcia (Sp), 74, 70, 70, 69; E O'Connell, 69, 73, 71, 70; D Silva (Por), 71, 69, 71, 72. 284: S Torrance, 73, 70, 73, 68; D Gilford, 72, 69, 74, 69; E Darcy, 73, 69, 72, 70. 285: R Stelten (US), 71, 73, 72, 69; J Spence, 73, 71, 72, 69; J Hobday, 73, 71, 71, 70; G Cali (It), 73, 71, 70, 71; R Claydon, 69, 72, 74, 73; J Rivero (Sp), 70, 73, 69, 73. 286: P Walton, 76, 67, 75, 68; S Bowman (US), 72, 74, 70, 70; J Bland (SA), 71, 70, 73, 72; R Lee, 72, 74, 68, 72.

287: A Saavedra (Arg), 76, 70, 73, 68; I Gervas (Sp), 73, 70, 74, 70; M Pinero (Sp), 75, 70, 72, 70; P Fowler (Aus), 72, 71, 73, 71; A Forsbrand (Swe), 77, 67, 72, 71; P Way, 73, 68, 73, 73; C Parry (Aus), 71, 69, 72, 75. 288: J Angiada (Sp), 76, 69, 75, 68; C O'Connor Jr, 72, 72, 72, 72; A Chamley, 73, 72, 71, 72; D Cooper, 75, 71, 70 72; P Teravainen (US), 71, 72, 72, 73; E Rodriguez (Sp), 74, 72, 69, 73; D J Russell, 69, 72, 70, 77.

289: G Turner, 73, 72, 73, 71; M McLean, 73, 70, 74, 72; R Karlsson (Swe), 74, 70, 73, 72. 290: C Hardin (Swe), 76, 67, 74, 71; M Mackenzie, 77, 69, 73, 71; D A Russell, 74, 72, 72, 72; R Drummond, 76, 69, 70, 75. 291: J M Canizares (Sp), 71, 74, 76, 70; M Pendaries (Fr), 74, 71, 75, 71. 292: M Persson (Swe), 74, 70, 75, 73; I Feliu (Sp), 71, 75, 73, 73; W Malley (US), 73, 70, 74, 75. 293: J Caceres (Arg), 71, 74, 77, 71; A Hunter, 73, 72, 72, 76. 294: R Boxall, 73, 71, 79, 71; A Pinero (Sp), 74, 72, 77, 71. 298: S Hamill, 73, 73, 76, 76. 300: M Moreno (Sp), 74, 72, 81, 73.

CYCLING

Lillistone rides to doctors' orders

By PETER BRYAN

SIMON Lillistone was told by the British Olympic medical centre on Friday to "aggravate" a knee injury that had caused him to abandon a race last week. The doctors could not immediately diagnose the trouble but will again examine the Shrewsbury national champion today.

Lillistone will be interested in the outcome. He gave the knee plenty of aggravation in winning the Welwyn-Hatfield grand prix yesterday, first when getting up to the leaders after 41 miles of the 100-mile race and then in the final 100 yards, when he unleashed his winning sprint.

It was a three-man finish in which the former professional, Alan Gornall, made the initial attack 250 yards from the line, tailed by Sean McVitty and Lillistone.

"I tried an element of surprise; had I gone a fraction of a second earlier I would have won," Gornall claimed. But Lillistone was never in doubt about his ability to outsprint his two companions. Yesterday's was his second road victory of the season and he plans two more events before concentrating on the national track championships at Leicester.

The grand prix was the fourth in the series of 13 Star Trophy races but the result produced no changes at the top as all the competition leaders, including the No. 1, Mark Gornall, were well behind and in the main bunch.

Gornall welcomed the lack of action around him. "I've had a lot of work on the family farm recently and only managed two training sessions last week," he said.

RESULTS: 1, S Lillistone (Haverhill), 3hr 44min 58sec; 2, A Gornall (Manchester Wheelers), same time; 3, S McVitty (Liverpool Mercury), same time.

ATHLETICS

Third win in a row for Tipton

TIPTON Harriers won the AAA 12-stage national road relay for the third successive year at Sutton Coldfield on Saturday (a Special Correspondent writes). It was the sixth time they had lifted the title in eight years.

While other clubs, notably the English cross country champions, Bingley Harriers, felt the loss of key athletes, Tipton were unaffected by losing nearly half of last year's winning squad.

"It's all about strength in depth," Bud Baldaro, who coaches several of the Tipton squad, said.

Their winning time of 4hr 4min 13sec for the 50-mile course was the slowest for six years but they still finished nearly two minutes ahead of Shaftesbury Barnet, the first southern club to win a medal for nine years.

Individual honours went to Eamonn Martin, of Basildon, who ran the five-and-a-half mile loop in 25min 3sec.



ED BYRNE

Cahervillahow (right) jumping the last with Docklands Express in Saturday's controversial Whitbread Gold Cup at Sandown. The Irish raider was subsequently demoted from first place for interfering with Docklands Express on the run-in

Cecil books Kinane for Hokusai in Guineas

By MICHAEL SEELY, RACING CORRESPONDENT

HENRY Cecil has booked Michael Kinane for Hokusai, the trainer's second string for the General Accident 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket on Saturday.

Champion jockey in Ireland, Kinane has gained a well-deserved reputation for having been something of a super sub in the great European races in the past two seasons.

For Cecil, he rode Belmez to that dramatic victory over Old Vic and Steve Cauthen in last July's King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes.

In the spring, Kinane had given a masterly exhibition of enterprising jockeyship when capturing the 2,000 Guineas on Tirol for Richard Hannon. And the previous autumn, he had won the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe on Carroll House.

On the Limekilns gallops at Newmarket on Saturday, Kinane had a getting-to-know-you session with Hokusai, who will be attempting to improve on Giacometti's second to Nonoalco for Charles St George in 1974. Pat Eddery rode Desert Sun in a separate seven-furlong spin.

In the Craven Stakes Desert Sun finished a head in front of Hokusai, when the pair were about a length and a half behind Marju. "They are both in good order and are sure to have improved quite a bit," said Cecil.

Desert Sun will once again be the more strongly fancied of the two. "We tried to have him dropped out and he got left a bit. He has sharpened up a lot now and is much fitter. He's got a good chance of reversing the placings with Marju, if he stays a mile."

Cecil also had news of Wakashan, who was withdrawn from Saturday's Thresher Classic Trial at Sandown because of a back problem. "He's sound again," reported the trainer. "He'll start cantering this week and we'll just have to feel our way. We hope to get him ready for the Dante and, if he's good enough, he'll run in the Derby."

Opinion continues to harden that John Dunlop and Willie Carson have an outstanding chance of becoming the first trainer-jockey combination to land the 1,000-2,000 double since Sir Noel Murless and George Moore achieved the feat with Fleet and Royal Palace in 1967.

"Both Marju and Shadayid will be galloped on Monday morning," said Dunlop. "They're both in good form. Marju did a bit of undemanding work on Thursday. He's in good spirits and seems sharper than he was before the Craven."

The Arundel trainer also intends running Flying Brave, the Free Handicap third, in the classic. "We were going for the Italian Guineas, but the ground was too soft so we've decided to switch to Newmarket. John Reid will ride."

Michael Stoute is hopeful of a good showing from last September's Royal Lodge Stakes winner, Mujaazif. "We feel he'll be a pretty decent horse over a longer trip. But he's been pleasing me in his work and we hope he'll run well here and then go on to the Dante."

Ladbrokes latest prices are as follows. 11-8 Marju (from 6-4), 4-1 Desert Sun, 7-1 Mystiko, 10-1 Mukaddamah, Generous, 12-1 Bog Trotter and 14-1 bar. Mujaazif is a 16-1 chance. Hills, however, have left Marju unchanged at 6-4

In the 1,000 Guineas, Hills have shortened Shadayid's price to 13-8 on. Ladbrokes goes 6-4 on Shadayid, 5-1 Crystal Gazing and Dartrey. They then go 14-1 Zigana and price David Elsworth's other two fillies, Tetradonna and Silver Braid, at 20-1.

John Williams is to partner Silver Braid, runner-up to Shadayid at Newbury. "John Reid and Ray Cochrane will ride the other two," said the trainer. "But it's yet to be sorted out which rides which."

At Sandown on Saturday, the remarkably good form being shown by the Whitsbury fillies continued when Cash Asmussen and Jaffa Line failed by only a short head to overhaul Michael Roberts and Hailsham in the Thresher Classic Trial.

All winter and spring the trainer has been insisting that Jaffa Line has the making of a top-class staying filly. "We'll probably go for the Musidora at York and the Oaks."

Roberts continues to ride like a man inspired and stole a vital advantage when driving the well-backed Hailsham into the lead halfway up the straight. "I've always felt that Hailsham could develop into a good horse," said Brittain. "We'll go for one of the Derby trials next."

Brittain's horses are continuing to carry all before them and hopes are now high that Mystiko will carry on the good work in the Guineas. "You couldn't put Mystiko and this afternoon's winner together in the same gallop," said the trainer, "it wouldn't be fair to Hailsham."

Marju supporters were encouraged because Hailsham had previously finished fourth in the Craven. But this could be misleading as Saturday's winner was undoubtedly well suited by the extra two furlongs.

Those who think that last season's Royal Lodge Stakes form was devalued because Jahafil, the 11-8 favourite, could only finish third, four lengths behind Jaffa Line, could also be mistaken. "We don't think Jahafil gave his running," said Dick Hern yesterday. "He probably swallowed his tongue."

The bookmakers afterwards offered 33-1 against Hailsham for the Derby and 16-1 Jaffa Line for the Oaks.

Jaffa Line will now be attempting to become the first filly to run in the Sandown classic trial and then attempt to win the Oaks. But the trial certainly boasts an outstanding record in the Derby as Troy, Henbit, Shergar and Shahrastani all went on to land the double.

Morris to lodge an appeal

MOUSE Morris, the Irish trainer, is to appeal to the Jockey Club over the disqualification of Cahervillahow after beating Docklands Express in the Whitbread Gold Cup at Sandown on Saturday (Michael Seely writes).

Morris said yesterday: "Neither Mrs Valentine nor myself have ever lodged such an appeal in our lives but we feel that the best horse on the day won. I have watched all the videos, except the one the stewards had, and I still cannot see why he should have lost the race."

Charlie Swan, Cahervillahow's jockey, was also indignant. "If it's anyone's fault, it's mine. I walked the course beforehand and decided that the correct line from the last fence to the winning post was the one I took. The stewards first said that I'd won on merit and then took the race off me."

After Cahervillahow had overhauled Anthony Tory and Docklands Express at the last to win by three-quarters of a length, despite drifting right on the run-in, Tory lodged an objection for "taking my ground throughout the race and leaning on my horse after the last."

Tory's protest was over-ruled, but the placings were reversed as the stewards considered that Cahervillahow had caused accidental interference on the run-in and that that interference might have been worth the three parts of a length by which the runner-up was beaten.

The gist of Tory's argument was that, although he had never had to cease riding, Docklands Express had been intimidated by Cahervillahow and therefore been unable or unwilling to give of his best.

Horses are meant to keep a straight line and the stewards were entitled to reach their conclusion. A personal view, however, is that they leant too far to consider the view of the runner-up's connections. Cahervillahow quickened to jump the last in front and from then on was travelling far the stronger of the two. In my opinion the result was not affected.

Impressive start by champion

JULIE Hall, the British champion, came out of hibernation yesterday and with rounds of 73, 75 and 76, compiled over Troon's Portland and championship courses, won the Helen Holm Trophy by a five-stroke margin (a Special Correspondent writes).

It was an impressive opening to the season for the Curtis Cup player from Felixstowe Ferry, aged 24, who led from start to finish, maintaining her enthusiasm despite a chilly south-easterly wind.

FINAL SCORES: 224: J Hall (Felixstowe Ferry) 73, 75, 76. 229: L Fletcher (Alnmouth) 78, 76, 75. 232: E Farquharson (Deeside) 79, 77, 76; V Thomas (Pennard) 77, 74, 81. 233: J Morley (Sale) 77, 72, 84. 234: K Tebbit (East Devon) 75, 76, 83; A Gemmill (Barassie) 78, 74, 82. 235: F Edmond (Frinton-on-Sea) 77, 77, 81. 236: C Lambert (Stirling University) 82, 78, 76; C Middleton (St Regulus) 80, 78, 80; A Ross (Stirling) 75, 78, 83; J Moodie (Windyhill) 78, 77, 81.

Strudwick finds Paris rewarding

From a SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN PARIS

SUZANNE Strudwick, the Midlands professional, captured her second title in Paris when a final round of 71 carried her to victory in the AGF Open at La Boulie yesterday.

Strudwick, from Staffordshire, finished with a ten-under-par total of 278 to win by three strokes from Laura Davies, the former British and US Open champion, who shared second place with Cathy Panton-Lewis, of Scotland.

It was in Paris that Strudwick registered her only previous victory. She won the French Open championship, which has not been played since.

Starting the final round three strokes clear of Davies and Trish Johnson, Strudwick gathered five birdies in her 71. None was more important than the first of these at the long fourth where she played a spectacular 50-yard recovery from a bunker to within six inches of the hole. Davies was always struggling after three-putting the second and third greens while Panton-Lewis lost her chance of finishing second outright with a late bogey at the 16th hole.

LEADING FINAL SCORES: 278: S Strudwick 70, 67, 70, 71. 281: C Panton-Lewis, 69, 74, 68, 70; L Davies, 69, 71, 70, 71. 282: S Mendiburu (Fr), 69, 73, 73, 67. 283: A Nicholas, 69, 73, 73, 68. 285: G Stewart, 68, 71, 74, 72; A Oxenstierna (Swe), 71, 74, 68, 72; C Soulas (Fr), 74, 69, 68, 74. 286: M Nause (US), 73, 72, 70, 71; T Johnson, 68, 70, 72, 76. 287: F Descampe (Belg), 76, 72, 70, 69; R Lautens (Switz), 74, 69, 72, 72; T Abitbol (Sp), 69, 75, 72, 72. 288: F Dassu (It), 75, 72, 69, 72; H Andersson (Swe), 69, 72, 77, 70. 289: J Hill (Zim), 72, 75, 72, 70; S Gronberg (Swe), 76, 69, 70, 72; J Bartholomew (US), 74, 72, 70, 73; S Moon (US), 69, 74, 71, 75; P Gonzalez (Col), 72, 72, 69, 76; M Spencer-Devlin (US), 71, 72, 69, 77.

☐ Duffy Waldorf shot a 63 to tie the course record and vault from seven strokes back into a tie for the lead on 204 with Bob Wolcott at the Greater Greensboro Open men's tournament in north Carolina, on Saturday.

Wild Illusion gives impressive display

By BRIAN BEEL

THE victory on Saturday at the Berks and Bucks point-to-point of Wild Illusion was probably the most impressive performance seen in any qualifying race in *The Times* Championship series.

Denstone Wanderer (Chris Coyne), an outsider in the field of nine, set a good pace, tracked by Ian McKie on Wild Illusion, and as they came down the hill with five to jump, the pair quickly drew away from Jon Price-Rolph on Mr Sponge.

At the second last, Ian McKie took over on the even-money favourite and Mr Sponge ran on into second place, closing the gap to three lengths at the last. That was the nearest he got as Wild Illusion finished strongly to extend his lead to five lengths at the post.

The winning time of 6min 7sec was a course record for a race at 12st 7lb and was only four seconds slower than that achieved by White Paper in a ladies' race.

Malcolm Thorne, his owner, will be back in the saddle on Wild Illusion for the members' race at the Warwickshire meeting on May Bank Holiday Monday, but it will be a pity if the greater help of Ian McKie is not utilised again at Towcester.

The penalised Adage, who had pulled up at Ashorne ten days ago, gave McKie an earlier success in the adjacent, winning unchallenged to the satisfaction of hiw owner, Arthur Clarke-Brown, on his home course.

In *The Times* qualifier at the York and Ainsty, Mick Easterby's ex-novice hurdler Final Player, trained by his daughters, Cherry and Susan, and ridden by Howard Brown, made all to win by ten lengths from Stephen Charlton on Go Miletrain with The Big Wheel (Simon Robinson) a further eight lengths away, third.

Staintondale — backed down from 33-1 to 10-1 — has made great improvement since joining Michael Sowerby's stable a month ago and won the first leg of a double for him here in the divided maiden.

The organisers of the South Dorset and the huge crowd were ill rewarded for the first meeting at Milborne St Andrew with only 28 runners turning out for the six races. There are only two small criticisms of the commendable effort by the hunt in building the course; races should be run right-handed to give better viewing and, to prevent the long walk to the middle of the course, another crossing point needs to be introduced further up the straight.

Results from 11 point-to-point meetings

BERKELEY (Woodford): Rest I: 1, Stans Joy (R Alner, 2-5 fav); 2, Heron's Rock; 3, Firework William. 10 ran. Hunt: 1, Yankee Doodle (Dr P Pritchard, 6-1); 2, Fennelly; 3, Ron Canella. 6 ran. Ladies: 1, Mandip Express (Miss A Dare, 2-7 fav); 2, Mendon Rose; 3, Wild Flyer. 5 ran. Open: 1, Chilhampton (T Mitchell, 6-1); 2, Expensive Lark; 3, Bearsons. 14 ran. Ladies: 1, Grademount (Miss A Dare, 2-5 fav); 2, Mendip Music; 3, Fifth Column. 7 ran. Rest II: 1, Heavy Roller (M Portman, 12-1); 2, Penicaun; 3, Goderamistake. 17 ran. Hdcp: 1, Fishing Season (D Dando, 4-1 Jt fav); 2, Highland Son; 3, Zanussi Line. 13 ran.

BERKS & BUCKS DRAGHOUNDS (Kingston Blount): Hunt: 1, Golden Kit (M Stewart, 4-5 fav); 2, Bumble Boy; 3, Arcadeus. 7 ran. Adj: 1, Adage (J McKie, 2-1); 2, Kingford; 3, Kirsbourne Boy. 5 ran. Open: 1, Gibraltar Girl (J Bailey, 11-10 fav); 2, The Stuffler; 3, Moulding. 6 ran. Ladies: 1, Pale Chief (Miss K Ellis, 5-2); 2, Outgunned; 3, Phelloff. 8 ran. Times Rest: 1, Wild Illusion (I McKie, Evens fav); 2, Mr Sponge; 3, Denstone Wanderer. 9 ran. Hdcp: 1, Sutton Lass (J Rees, 7-1); 2, Harry Monk; 3, Rowdy Toffee Apple. 14 ran.

EAST SUSSEX & ROMNEY MARSH (Beckhill): Hunt: 1, Charleston Lad (P Bull, 4-6 fav); 2, Gazo Mwe; 3, Spland. 6 ran. Adj: 1, Barn Pool (J Etheridge, 8-11 fav); 2, Political Judge; 3, Fireproof. 5 ran. Open: 1, Gotta Pedrajo (D Robinson, 9-4); 2, Irish Poacher. only 2 fin. 5 ran. Ladies: 1, Prince Zeus (Mrs K Hills, 1-4 fav); 2, Bloodhound; 3, Pushaside. 5 ran. Rest: 1, Cock-Of-The-Rock (C Ashfield 0; Pocklington 20, Worksop 8; Pontefract 17, Bridlington 23; Pontefract 0, Hordon 14; Redcar 15, Wattstown 0; Rochdale 18, Blackburn 22; Rockcliff 13, Bishop Auckland 6; Rodillians 33, Yarnbury 28; Roundhegians 37, Ilkley 12; Rossendale 7, Metrovick 16; Sandal Saracens 10, Old Modernians 17; Scunthorpe 9, Goole 29; Sedgley Park 22, Chester 7; Selby 16, Chesterfield 0, Sheffield Tigers 6, Old Fleshwirthians 20; Southport 0, Widnes 48; Stockton 52, Penrith 10; Thornensians 6, Old Hymerians 4; Vickers 7, Ormskirk 26; West Hartlepool 45, Morpeth Presidents' XV 8; Wheatley Hills 3, Market Rasen 18; Wilmslow 26, Marple 10; Winlaton 16, Gateshead Fell 25; Withernsea 22, BP Chemicals 12; Wirral 16, Mold 13; York 23, Mowden Park 12; York RI 20, Scarborough 10.

MIDLANDS: Courage Clubs Championship: Staffordshire: First division: Trentham 32, Handsworth 3. Warwickshire: First division: Old Wheatyans 21, Spartans 15. Club matches: Aylestone St James 9, Syston 49; Bedford Athletic 19, Biggleswade 14; Birmingham Welsh 12, Warley 22; Broad Street 62, Rugby St Andrews 0; Burton on Trent 25, Kettering 4; Clevedon 24, Stamford 10; Coventry Hsuns 19, Northampton Heathens 15; Coventry Post Office 19, Bugbrooke 12; Dixonians 12, Bedworth 6; Droitwich 11, Aston Old Edwardians 14; Dunstablians 9, St Neots 38; Earlsdon 32, Anstey 10; East Retford 10, West Bridgford 21; Edwardians 25, Old Halesonians 12; Hessle 24, Grimsby 18; Keresley 46, Sally Oak 8; Kibworth 12, Long Buckby 56; Kidderminster Carolians 9, Bridgnorth 12; Leighton Buzzard 9, Leamington 18; Lincoln 9, Kesteven 20; Loughborough 28, Nottingham Casuals 11; Luctonians 36, Old Coventrians 0; Market Bosworth 19, Coalville 17; Melton Mowbray 8, South Leicester 18; Northampton Casuals 37, Deepdale 12; Old Brightonians 10, Derby 21; Oadby Wyggestonians 16, Belgrave 17; Old Bosworthians 39, Long Eaton 4; Old Laurentians 29, Old Silhillians 8; Old Leamingtonians 7, Dudley 23; Old Yardleians 23, Kenilworth 16; Redditch 19, Coventry Saracens 6; Rushden and Higham 11, Ampthill 45; Scunthorpe 28, Goole 9; Selby 49, Chesterfield 25, St Ives 7; Shipston on Stour 20, Burbage 20; Shrewsbury 28, West Midlands Police 7; Skegness 39, Jaguar 6; Sleaford 27, North Kesteven 18; Southam 8, Manor Park 13; Stafford 26, Camp Hill 12; Stewarts and Lloyds 15, Stoneygate 6; Stockwood Park 27, Leicthworth 12; Stoke Old Boys 17, Ludlow 3; Stourbridge 12, Durham City 16; Stratford upon Avon 3, Barbers Butts 17; Sutton Coldfield 10, Vipers 36; Telford 22, Five Ways OE 13; Towcestrians 48, Bicester 14; Uttoxeter 14, Nottinghamians 24; Wednesfield 10, Oundertord 22; Wigston 8, Atherstone 16; West Leicester 0, Daventry 35; Woodrush 28, Pershore 10; Worcester 8, Hinckley 17.

IRELAND: Ulster: AIB Senior Challenge Cup: First: Ballymena 13, Bangor 0 (at Ravenhill). Leinster: Senior Cup: First: Lansdowne 13, Terenure College 9 (at Lansdowne Road). Munster: Senior Cup: First: Shannon 15, Young Munster 9 (at Thomond Park).

SCOTLAND: Allan Brewery Cup: First: Edinburgh Academicals 20, Stirling County 10. Castlemaine Trophy: First: Falkirk 84, Wald Academy FP 7. McEwan's League: Entry play-off: Stirling University 22, Lochaber 10. Sevens tournaments: Jed-Forest: Hawick 30, Jedburgh 0. Musselburgh: Royal High 10, Haddington 22. Dumbarton: Glenrothes 32, Bute 10. South District Union: Gala YM 26, Hawick Trades 8. Penicuik: Penicuik 24, Preston Lodge 10. Caithness: Caithness 18, Orkney 0. Elgin: St Boswells 16, Aberdeenshire 12. Selkirk YC: Selkirk YC 6, Melrose Colts 30. Clarkston Vets: Glasgow Accies 13, Irvine 4.

Yesterday

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE CUP: Final: Newark 9, Mansfield 8.

CONNACHT: Senior Cup: Final: Athlone 10, Galwegians 9.

WEEKEND RUGBY UNION RESULTS AND TABLES

Courage Clubs Championship First division

GLOUCESTER 38 HARLEQUINS 19

Gloucester: Tries: Smith (2), Dee (2), Ashmead, Sims. Cons: Roberts (4). Pens: Roberts (2). Harlequins: Tries: Alexander, Wedderburn, Molyneux. Cons: Alexander (2). Pen: Alexander.

MOSELEY 19 LEICESTER 43

Moseley: Tries: Boyle (2), Martin. Cons: Arntzen (2). Pen: Arntzen. Leicester: Tries: R Underwood (3), T Underwood (2), Wells, Dodge. Cons: Lisy (6). Dropped goal: Harris

NOTTINGHAM 16 ORRELL 12

Nottingham: Tries: Byrom, Rees, Bingham. Cons: Kilford (2). Orrell: Tries: Heslop, Halsall, O'Toole.

ROSSLYN PK 48 NORTHAMPTON 0

Rosslyn Park: Tries: Wyles (2), Taylor (2), McCauley, Hill, Hunter, Dear, Laleu. Cons: Graves (3). Pens: Graves, Jermyn.

SARACENS 6 BATH 49

Saracens: Pens: Rusling (2). Bath: Tries: Guscott (2), Hall, Barnes, Redman, Fallon, Ubogu, de Glanville. Cons: Webb (7). Pens: Webb (2).

WASPS 46 BRISTOL 19

Wasps: Tries: Andrew (3), Oti (2), Bates, Holmes, White. Cons: Andrew (5), Pinnegar. Bristol: Tries: Davis, Johnston, Horrobin. Cons: Lamnell (2). Pens: Thomas.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bath	12	11	0	1	280	104	22
Wasps	12	9	1	2	252	151	19
Harlequins	12	8	0	4	267	162	16
Leicester	12	8	0	4	244	140	16
Orrell	12	7	0	5	247	155	14
Gloucester	12	6	0	6	207	163	12
Rosslyn Pk	12	6	0	6	216	174	12
Nottingham	12	6	0	6	138	194	12
Northampton	12	5	1	6	149	254	11
Saracens	12	5	0	7	151	228	10
Bristol	12	4	1	7	135	219	9
Moseley	12	1	1	10	113	244	3
L'pool St He	12	0	0	12	88	346	0

Second division

BEDFORD 16 HEADINGLEY 10

Bedford: Tries: Rennell, Glanvill, Skingsley. Cons: Finnie (2). Headingley: Tries: Joyce. Pens: Mitchell (2).

PLYMOUTH 15 WAKEFIELD 9

Plymouth Albion: Pens: Thomas (5). Wakefield: Try: Scully. Con: Atkinson. Pen: Atkinson.

RICHMOND 18 L IRISH 18

Richmond: Tries: Hutton, Williams. Cons: Livesey (2). Pens: Livesey (2). London Irish: Tries: Maloney. Con: Mullen. Pens: Mullen (3). Dropped goal: Mullen.

RUGBY 25 N GOSFORTH 8

Rugby: Tries: Shaw, Palmer, Bishop, penalty try. Cons: Vaudin (2). Pens: Pell. Newcastle Gosforth: Tries: Costas, Curry.

SALE 23 COVENTRY 16

Sale: Tries: Ogden, Kenrick, Powell. Con: Booth. Pens: Booth (3). Coventry: Tries: Minshull, McKenzie, Smith. Cons: Angell, Fairn.

WATERLOO 3 BLACKHEATH 15

Waterloo: Pen: Aitchison. Blackheath: Tries: Jones. Core: Burns. Pens: Burns (2). Dropped goal: Munn.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rugby	12	10	0	2	252	146	20
L Irish	12	9	1	2	229	192	19
Wakefield	12	8	0	4	186	109	16
Coventry	12	8	0	4	172	128	16
L Scottish	12	7	0	5	240	178	14
N Gosforth	12	6	0	6	169	140	12
Sale	12	5	1	6	224	156	11
Bedford	12	4	2	6	138	203	10
Waterloo	12	4	1	7	154	206	9
Blackheath	12	4	0	8	134	168	8
Plymouth A	12	4	0	8	129	210	8
Richmond	12	3	1	8	134	245	7
Headingley	12	3	0	9	125	215	6

Third division

Broughton Park	10	Exeter	4
Nuneaton	35	Lydney	3
Roundhay	34	Clifton	7
Sheffield	16	Met Police	23
Vale of Lune	9	Fylde	18

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
W Hartlepool	12	10	1	1	282	90	21
Morley	12	9	1	2	210	118	19
Fylde	12	7	2	3	183	115	16
Exeter	12	7	2	3	160	139	16
Clifton	12	6	1	5	172	186	13
Askeans	12	4	2	6	141	137	10
Nuneaton	12	5	0	7	180	200	10
Broughton Pk	12	5	0	7	109	185	10
Roundhay	12	4	1	7	147	168	9
Sheffield	12	4	1	7	193	222	9
Lydney	12	4	1	7	125	188	9
Met Police	12	4	0	8	130	186	8
Vale of Lune	12	3	0	9	123	221	6

Fourth division south

Maidenhead	16	Ealing	23
N Walsham	23	Cheltenham	17
Redruth	18	L Welsh	16
Southend	18	Maidstone	12
Sudbury	20	Havant	9
Weston s Mare	24	Camborne	10

Fourth division north

Hereford	29	Harrogate	6
Otley	51	Birmingham	15
Stoke	13	Northern	13
Stourbridge	12	Durham	16
Whitsall	9	Preston G	20
Wimnington Pk	13	Lichfield	4

Heineken Welsh League Premier division

ABERTILLERY 9 PONTYPRIDD 36

Abertillery: Tries: Williams. Cons: Hayward. Pens: Hayward. Pontypridd: Tries: McIntosh (2), Lewis, Back, Mason, Powell. Cons: Mason (6).

GLAMORGAN W 22 NEWBRIDGE 41

Glamorgan Wanderers: Tries: Richards, Mansfield, Ward. Cons: Bolderson (2). Pens: Bolderson (2). Newbridge: Tries: Taylor, Jenkins, Brown, Westwood, Harries. Cons: Harries (4). Pens: Harries (3).

LLANELLI 34 BRIDGEND 12

Llanelli: Tries: Setero, Moon, Bowling, Jones, Stephens, Egan, Davies. Cons: Stephens (2), Egan. Bridgend: Try: Webbe. Con: Williams. Pens: Williams (2).

NEATH 4 CARDIFF 18

Neath: Try: Lally. Cardiff: Tries: Ford, penalty try. Cons: Rayer (2). Pens: Rayer. Dropped goal: Ring.

PONTYPOOL 30 SWANSEA 20

Pontypool: Tries: Lewis (2), Oswald. Cons: Perry (2), Jones. Pens: Perry (2). Dropped goals: Perry, Phillips. Swansea: Tries: Williams, Evans, Parfitt. Con: Davies. Pens: Davies (2).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Neath	16	14	0	4	353	218	28
Llanelli	16	12	1	5	409	232	25
Bridgend	16	10	2	6	269	275	22
Cardiff	16	10	1	7	396	261	21
Pontypridd	16	9	2	7	353	270	20
Pontypool	16	9	1	8	402	233	19
Newbridge	16	9	0	9	363	361	18
Swansea	16	8	0	9	353	309	16
Glamorgan W	16	3	0	15	192	498	6
Abertillery	16	1	1	16	146	580	3

First division

Cross Keys	73	Penarth	4
Maesteg	56	Ebbw Vale	18
Sth Wales Pol	15	Aberavon	6
Tredegar	6	Newport	27

UNDER-19 INTERNATIONAL: Scotland

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Message Pad can return in style

THE headstrong Message Pad, whose ability is unlikely ever to match that of his illustrious half-brother Teleprompter, can, nevertheless, open his seasonal account in the Tote Bookmakers Stakes at Pontefract today.

Last season, the Bill Watts-trained chestnut was pitched against some of the very best of his generaton when fourth to Anshan in the Free Handicap at Newmarket on seasonal debut. Despite failing to fulfil classic expectations, he was still good enough to win two decent handicaps over a mile.

Today, he will be running over his optimum trip where he will have a tough task on his hands against the race-fit Lifewatch Vision. Last season, these two raced against one another at Newmarket where Message Pad proved the better by finishing fifth to Absonal with Lifewatch Vision back in tenth place, 13 lengths behind my selection.

At level weights today, I feel Message Pad has the superior class and can make a successful seasonal debut.

Komombo, who shaped with plenty of promise when seventh of 14 to Volkranad at Newmarket last season, is napped to get off the mark in the Tote Place Only Maiden Stakes. This well-bred son of Sadler's Wells will have the most to fear from the more experienced Saint Ciel.

This season, the Alex Scott-trained colt was a creditable third at Ripon behind Mellaby, who subsequently finished runner-up to Fife at Sandown Park last Friday.

However, Scott can be on the mark with **Sheikh Albadou** in the Levy Board Maiden Stakes. On his only outing at Newmarket last season, the Green Desert colt shaped with plenty of promise, after starting slowly, when finishing a respectable eighth of 11 to Chimayo in a good maiden.

At Wolverhampton, Henry Cecil can take the Watling Street Fillies' Stakes for the second successive year, with **Clipping**. Already this daughter of Kris has shown her well being with a success at Warwick.

Royal Dartmouth can again show his liking for the Dunstall track by winning the Midland Spring Handicap for the second successive year. Today, he has 8lb less to carry than when comfortably beating Ballafort last year.

His recent outing, when down the field behind Dodger Dickins at Nottingham, can be overlooked as he clearly did not stay that ten-furlong trip. Prior to that outing, he showed plenty of promise when fifth to Just A Step at Warwick.

POINTEFRACT

MANDARIN
2.45 Who's That Lady.
3.15 The Minder.
3.45 Welsh Secret.
4.15 KOMOMBO (nap).
4.45 Hear A Nightingale.
5.15 Message Pad.
5.45 Sheikh Albadou.

THUNDERER
2.45 Nedtex.
3.15 The Minder.
3.45 Welsh Secret.
4.15 Komombo.
4.45 Grace Card.
5.15 Lifewatch Vision.
5.45 COLOUR SERGEANT (nap).

MICHAEL SEELY
3.45 Welsh Secret.
5.45 Colour Sergeant.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.15. Saint Ciel.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.45 WELSH SECRET.

GOING: FIRM — DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST — SIS

2.45 TOTE PLACEPOT MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,297: 5f) (16 runners)

1	(9)	3	TENDER MONARCH 12 (J Forsyth) P Bevan 8-6	N Gwilliams (5)	—
2	(4)	0	GARDENBLAKE 17 (P O'Donnell) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-6	D Smith (5)	—
3	(14)	0	CONNED AGAIN 19 (Sheaff Hutton Racing Club) M W Easterby 8-6	K Darley	—
4	(1)		SPRAY OF ORCHIDS-(Mrs H Matthews) J Etherington 8-5	N Connorton	—
5	(10)	332	AUCTION KING 16 (D Tate) A Smith 8-0	S Webster	—
6	(3)	45	BASSIO 25 (B,BF) (Mrs S Darby) C Allen 8-0	G Bardwell	—
7	(13)	00	GABES 17 (B) (J Etherton) J Payne 8-0	A Munro	—
8	(11)		GRANITTON PRINCE (D Gill) R Whitaker 8-0	G Carter	—
9	(12)	50	KILTROUM 19 (V) (G Morley) C Tinkler 8-0	G Duffield	—
10	(6)		LITTLE SPUD (C Oats) E Owen jun 8-0	Andrew Elwell (7)	—
11	(5)	6	NEDTEX 16 (S C Su) M Tompkins 8-0	R Hills	—
12	(7)		MAMMA'S TOO (J Brown) J Berry 7-12	N Carlisle	—
13	(15)	52	ORCHARD BAY 7 (P Ward) W Pearce 7-10	L Charnock	—
14	(2)	6	WHO'S THAT LADY 19 (J Gill) M H Easterby 7-10	J Lowe	—
15	(16)		CATHERINE D'ORLEAC (B Skirton) M Camacho 7-9	S Wood (3)	—
16	(8)		STOPROVERITATE (J Clark) S Norton 7-9	N Kennedy (5)	—

BETTING: 7-2 Auction King, 4-1 Orchard Bay, 9-2 Mamma's Too, 6-1 Tender Monarch, 8-1 Nedtex, 10-1 Bassio, 12-1 Conned Again, 14-1 others.

1990: SING 'N SWING 8-2 K Darley (5-2 fav) M H Easterby 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

TENDER MONARCH 3rd beaten 8l by Paris House (gave 3lb) here (5f, good). AUCTION KING 2nd beaten 7¼l by Diamond King (gave 7lb) at Beverley (5f, good to firm). BASSIO 5th beaten 18l by Castle Cloud (levels) at Hamilton (5f, soft). NEDTEX finished well after a slow start when 6th beaten 31½l by Titch Wizard (levels) at Warwick (5f, good). ORCHARD BAY 2nd beaten a sh hd by Fair Shara (rec 4lb) at Hamilton (5f, good). WHO'S THAT LADY 6th beaten 10½l by Paris House (gave 11lb) at Ripon (5f, soft).
Selection: TENDER MONARCH

3.15 TOTE CREDIT SELLING HANDICAP (£2,955: 1m 4f) (17 runners)

1	(16)	16460-0	ALLEZ-OOPS 38 (F) (D Tate) A Smith 4-9-10	S Webster	90
2	(2)	55-0	DUTCH BLUES 17 (B Pratt) Mrs S Austin 4-9-9	M Birch	86
3	(9)	0000-00	VAIRAGYA 20 (B) (D Woods) A Hide 4-9-6	B Raymond	—
4	(6)	6/43-55	THE MINDER 32 (Mrs P Hastings) Lord Huntingdon 4-9-3	Dean McKeown	89
5	(7)	00550-0	MOONLIGHT SAIL 118 (F) (B Posey) R Stubbs 4-8-13	E Guest	85
6	(8)	0502-55	SATIN LAKE 88 (B,D) (J Abbey) D Chapman 4-8-9	S Wood (3)	93
7	(17)	400-000	MAY BE BOLD 14 (P Warburton) K Morgan 4-8-7	Jaki Houston	99
8	(3)	00533-6	HUNDRED ISLANDS 20 (Mrs S Camacho) M Camacho 4-8-5	N Connorton	91
9	(14)	233-000	OMORSI 32 (S Edwards) M Petherton-Godley 4-8-5	A Munro	98
10	(11)	0000-14	UNASSUMING 12 (BF,S) (K Whelldon) Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-0	J Lowe	97
11	(4)	00300-0	SMOOTH FINISH 14 (P Jillings) A Harrison 4-7-13	L Charnock	95
12	(15)	60000-0	DUXFORD LODGE 7 (Qualitair Hotels Ltd) J Bottomley 4-7-8	P Burke	91
13	(12)	000000-0	TORTIN 5 (V) (J Hetherton) J Hetherton 3-7-8	P Hill	80
14	(5)	0000000-	MECADO 28J (Meltwood Ltd) F Yardley 4-7-7	G Bardwell	—
15	(13)	0-05	SLIPSALOM 94 (F Scarborough) W Carter 5-7-7	N Carlisle	99
16	(1)	0000-00	MARJORIE WOOD 5 (S Norton) S Norton 3-7-7	R Cumberbatch	77
17	(10)	000-00	NAOMI'S KEEPSAKE 5 (E Cowell) C Thornton 3-7-7	N Kennedy (7)	—

Long handicap: Slipsalom 7-5, Marjorie Wood 8-13, Naomi's Keepsake 8-11.

BETTING: 4-1 Unassuming, 5-1 Allez Oops, 6-1 Slipsalom, 7-1 The Minder, 8-1 Hundred Islands, 10-1 Satin Lake, 11-1 Duxford Lodge, 16-1 others.

1990: GUSHY 4-8-10 K Darley (11-4 fav) M H Easterby 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

DUTCH BLUES 9th of 21 to Star Player (gave 4lb) at Haydock (2m, good to firm). THE MINDER 5th beaten 7¼l by Every One A Gem (gave 4lb) at Brighton (1m 2f, good to firm). SATIN LAKE 5th beaten 22½l by Cribella (gave 12lb) at Southwell (1m 4f, standard). HUNDRED ISLANDS 6th beaten 9½l by Deb's Ball (rec 1lb) here (1m 4f, good to soft). UNASSUMING 4th beaten 6½l by Blackwaterlock (gave 12lb) at Ayr (1m, good to soft).
Selection: UNASSUMING

3.45 TOTE DUAL FORECAST HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £4,464: 6f) (9 runners)

1	(3)	15350-0	CIBOURE 10 (D,F) (T Barker) M Usher 9-7	B Raymond	87
2	(1)	11-	GO TALLY-HO 284 (F) (Mrs C Berry) J Berry 9-6	G Carter	90
3	(9)	31186-	RUTH'S GAMBLE 170 (D,G,S) (P Savill) D Chapman 9-5	K Darley	85
4	(7)	35352-	KATY'S PET 182 (D Hunnisett) D Morley 9-3	R Hills	88
5	(5)	2840-	IVY COTTAGE 171 (G Liversidge) J Etherington 9-0	A Munro	87
6	(8)	05235F-	LOOKINGFORARAINBOW 231 (D Blake) Bob Jones 8-11	G Duffield	80
7	(6)	220-411	WELSH SECRET 5 (F) (C) (K Whelldon) Mrs J Ramsden 8-6	Dean McKeown	99
8	(4)	545460-	KUMMEL KING 184 (G) (D Hall) J H Wilson 8-3	J Lowe	94
9	(2)	0280-00	GREAT MUSIC 10 (J Pickard) J Wainwright 8-2	P Burke	85

BETTING: 5-4 Welsh Secret, 7-2 Go Tally-Ho, 5-1 Cibboure, 7-1 Katy's Pet, 12-1 Kummel King, 14-1 Ivy Cottage, 16-1 others.

1990: EL ARAB 8-7 S Webster (12-1) E Alston 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

CIBOURE 16th of 24 to Swift Romance (rec 7lb) at Newbury (1m, good). GO TALLY-HO best Cotton Bloom (rec 10lb) hd at Hamilton (5f, good to firm). RUTH'S GAMBLE 8th beaten 8½l by Rise Up Singing (rec 9lb) at Doncaster (7f, good to soft). KATY'S PET failed to quicken when 2nd beaten 8l by Aryth (levels) at Leicester (8f, soft). IVY COTTAGE on penultimate outing 4th beaten 3¼l by Access Holidays (gave 5lb) at Redcar (5f, good). WELSH SECRET best Brave Melody (rec 7lb) a sh hd at Catterick (7f, good to firm).
Selection: WELSH SECRET (nap)

WOLVERHAMPTON

MANDARIN
2.30 Pallium.
3.00 Lamastre.
3.30 Royal Dartmouth.
4.00 Clipping.
4.30 Jokers Patch.
5.00 Masella.

THUNDERER
2.30 Simmie's Special.
3.00 Lamastre.
3.30 At Peace.
4.00 Clipping.
4.30 First Stage.
5.00 Astral's Delight.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.00 CLIPPING (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE — SIS

2.30 LICHFIELD MAIDEN AUCTION GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (3-Y-O: £2,174: 5f) (5 runners)

1	(1)	00	MAPATO 17 (F Jacobs) N Graham 9-0	S Maloney (7)	—
2	(3)	0-0	MORE LARKS 27 (Mrs H Hill) M James 9-0	A Proud	—
3	(4)	0228-03	PALLIUM 14 (W Kelly) M Naughton 9-0	K Fallon	93
4	(2)		PIOUS BIRD (D Lennon) H Candy 8-9	C Rutter	—
5	(5)	222-	SIMMIE'S SPECIAL 354 (D Coppenhall) R Hollinshead 8-9	S Perks	99

BETTING: 6-4 Simmie's Special, 11-4 Pallium, 7-2 Pious Bird, 8-1 Mapato, 25-1 More Larks.

1990: GOLD FUTURES 2-9-0 A Munro (2-5 fav) W O'Gorman 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

BLUES 8th of 21 to Star Player (gave 4lb) at Haydock (2m, good to firm). THE MINDER 5th beaten 7¼l by Every One A Gem (gave 4lb) at Brighton (1m 2f, good to firm). SATIN LAKE 5th beaten 22½l by Cribella (gave 12lb) at Southwell (1m 4f, standard). HUNDRED ISLANDS 6th beaten 9½l by Deb's Ball (rec 1lb) here (1m 4f, good to soft). UNASSUMING 4th beaten 6½l by Blackwaterlock (gave 12lb) at Ayr (1m, good to soft).
Selection: UNASSUMING

3.00 TAMWORTH SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,651: 5f) (13 runners)

1	(13)	0	BARNSVIEW 19 (N Hartas) M Ellerby 9-11	S Morris	—
2	(1)		CROMER'S EXPRESS (G Cooper) J Scargill 9-11	W Ryan	—
3	(12)	00	DAILY SPORT NOW 7 (Roldvale Ltd) J Berry 9-11	J Murray	—
4	(2)	254	PREMIER ENVELOPE 7 (The Premier Envelope Co Ltd) N Tinkler 9-11	Kim Tinkler	—
5	(11)	401	FAIR SHARE 7 (D,G) (W Bisley) R Stubbs 9-10	D Holland (5)	—
6	(7)		EAU D'ESPOIR (Group 1 Racing (1988) Ltd) J Spearing 8-6	N Day	—
7	(5)	0	FORBOURNE 14 (Mrs R Smith) R Guest 8-6	W Carson	—
8	(4)	30	LADY DOOLEY 17 (Mrs P Knowles) J Wharton 8-6	J Carroll	—
9	(6)		LAMASTRE (D Chilton) R Hodges 8-6	W Carson	—
10	(3)		MONTI BEPPO (J Henderson) J Berry 8-6	S Maloney (5)	—
11	(10)	30	PETOMANIA 14 (M M Racing (Thoroughbreds) Ltd) M Britain 8-6	N Adams	—
12	(8)	4	ZOOMAR 14 (J Hamilton-Jones) B Palling 8-6	R Cochrane	—
13	(9)		ZUNIL (C James) C James 8-6		—

BETTING: 9-4 Fair Share, 7-2 Monti Beppo, 9-2 Petomania, 6-1 Lamastre, 10-1 Cromer's Express, 12-1 Daily Sport Now, Premier Envelope, Zoomar, 16-1 others.

1990: FACE NORTH 8-11 N Adams (4-7) K Brassey 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

CIBOURE 10th of 24 to Cibboure, 7-1 Katy's Pet, 12-1 Kummel King, 14-1 Ivy Cottage, 16-1 others.

1990: EL ARAB 8-7 S Webster (12-1) E Alston 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

CIBOURE 16th of 24 to Swift Romance (rec 7lb) at Newbury (1m, good). GO TALLY-HO best Cotton Bloom (rec 10lb) hd at Hamilton (5f, good to firm). RUTH'S GAMBLE 8th beaten 8½l by Rise Up Singing (rec 9lb) at Doncaster (7f, good to soft). KATY'S PET failed to quicken when 2nd beaten 8l by Aryth (levels) at Leicester (8f, soft). IVY COTTAGE on penultimate outing 4th beaten 3¼l by Access Holidays (gave 5lb) at Redcar (5f, good). WELSH SECRET best Brave Melody (rec 7lb) a sh hd at Catterick (7f, good to firm).
Selection: WELSH SECRET (nap)

3.30 MIDLAND SPRING HANDICAP (£4,003: 1m) (20 runners)

1	(9)	2/334-	CARTEL 253 (M Al-Meldoum) A Scott 4-9-10	J Fortune	82
2	(6)	510100-	YOUNG JASON 171 (D,F,G) (Mrs G Lee) F Lee 8-9-9	S Perks	87
3	(11)	426064	SHINING JEWEL 11 (D,F) (E Eldin) E Eldin 4-9-8	B Crossley	91
4	(5)	2040-58	CASHTAL DAZZLER 10 (D,BF,F) (G Atdinson) J Berry 4-9-8	J Carroll	92
5	(3)	262504-	SILVERDALE FOX 98J (F,S) (A White) R Hollinshead 4-9-7	G Hind (3)	91
6	(13)	2040-05	ANNABELLE ROYALE 6 (D,F,G) (I Parlin) Mrs N Macauley 5-8-5	L Dettori	93
7	(18)	355520-	FREAK TOSS 135 (S Hul) J Eustace 4-8-5	R Cochrane	94
8	(15)	5000/000	STILL SURPRISED 18 (D,F,G) (Desmond Racing Ltd) R Whitaker 5-8-3	A Culhane	—
9	(20)	1054-50	SKIPPER TO BILGE 28 (D,S) (Crescent (UK) Ltd) M Jarvis 4-8-3	Paul Eddery	80
10	(14)	006-050	AT PEACE 16 (D) (Mrs E Gibbs) J Payne 4-8-11	M Hills	88
11	(17)	04001-0	SPRING TO THE TOP 14 (G) (G Jabbo) J Payne 4-8-11	D Holland (5)	87
12	(2)	122254-	MONTEROS BOY 210 (D,F,G) (S Wilsdon) B Hills 8-8-8	W Ryan	93
13	(16)	102-305	SOLOMON'S NEPHEW 14 (F) (B White) J Scargill 4-8-8	R Lappin	94
14	(19)	100000-	ROLFESON 188 (C,D,F,G) (S Morgan) B Morgan 7-8-7	W Carson	99
15	(12)	323-081	JUVENARA 7 (D,F) (R Morecombe) R Hodges 5-8-7 (5ex)	C Rutter	93
16	(4)	150660-	PREMIER PRINCE 181 (F,S) (J Boswell) L Cottrell 5-8-5	J Quinn	85
17	(5)	110000-0	HACIENDA 16 (D) (C Fitzi) D Burchell 4-8-3	A McGlone	80
18	(7)	0140-50	ROYAL DARTMOUTH 14 (CD,F,S) (Axminster Carpets Ltd) B Millman 5-8-1	N Adams	89
19	(1)	000-	CURTAIN UP 317 (Lord Delford) R Guest 4-8-0	A Mackay	—
20	(18)	452046-	KISSAVOS 145 (B,F) (B Manley) M Pipe 5-7-9	N Adams	89

BETTING: 15-8 Juvenara, 6-1 Monteros Boy, Young Jason, 7-1 Kissavos, 8-1 Cartel, Cashtal Dazzler, 10-1 Annabelle Royale, Royal Dartmouth, 12-1 Solomons Nephew, 16-1 others.

1990: ROYAL DARTMOUTH 5-8-9 P D'Arcy (5-1 jt-fav) B Millman 15 ran

4.15 TOTE PLACE ONLY MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,052: 1m 2f) (11 runners)

1	(11)		AMAANI (Sheikh Ahmed Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 9-0	G Carter	—
2	(10)	0-0	AVRO ANSON 20 (B Skirton) M Camacho 9-0	N Connorton	70
3	(7)	0-	KOMOMBO 178 (K Abdulla) G Harwood 9-0	A Clark	—
4	(9)		PRIME PROSPECT (Mrs P Yong) M Jarvis 9-0	A Munro	—
5	(8)	2-3	SAINT CIEL 18 (D Thompson) A Scott 9-0	B Raymond	99
6	(2)	0-	VALATCH 193 (D Eccleston) Denys Smith 9-0	J Stoddart	—
7	(6)		AUDE LA BELLE (A Budge (Equine) Ltd) A Scott 8-9	G Duffield	—
8	(5)	50	BAHRAIN QUEEN 40 (Y Alazawee) Mrs L Piggott 8-9	G Milligan (7)	66
9	(1)		FLEUR D'ETE (Sheikh Mohammed) J Watts 8-9	Dean McKeown	—
10	(4)	4-	MY BED TIME 201 (Mrs A Hollest) M Tompkins 8-9	R Hills	87
11	(3)	0	SAPPHIRE BREEZE 40 (Y Alazawee) Mrs L Piggott 8-9	Beverley Brett (7)	—

BETTING: 11-10 Saint Ciel, 5-2 Komombo, 6-1 Amaani, 10-1 My Bed Time, 12-1 Aude La Belle, 14-1 others.

1990: NADIMA 8-9 S Cauthen (7-4 fav) H Cecil 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

KOMOMBO 7th beaten 12l by Volkranad (levels) at Newmarket (6f, good). SAINT CIEL 3rd beaten 7l by Mellaby (levels) at Ripon (1m, good to soft). MY BED TIME needed the run when 4th beaten 5¼l by Roger De Barksted (gave 5lb) at York (6f, good to firm). SAPPHIRE BREEZE 11th of 14 to Shout Out (gave 25lb) at Southwell (1m, standard).
Selection: SAINT CIEL

4.45 TOTE MARATHON HANDICAP (£3,106: 2m 5f 125yd) (12 runners)

1	(1)	06/483-0	SUREST DANCER 17 (W Barker) W Barker 5-9-10	S Webster	80
2	(10)	36223-3	SILLY HABIT 16 (BF) (Aesby Finance Ltd) J Hills 5-9-8	R Hills	83
3	(5)	6340-3	HEAR A NIGHTINGALE 28 (V,F,S) T Thomson Jones 4-9-7	G Duffield	86
4	(9)	51400-4	SPRING MORN 16 (F) (Mrs A Taylor (Co Durham)) A Stringer 5-9-4	B Raymond	82
5	(3)	4820-00	FLAMING GLORY 15 (B,G) (Red Lion Turf Club) R Stubbs 4-9-2	S Keightley	99
6	(12)	2000-00	GRACE CARD 17 (G Ferndon) R Hollinshead 5-9-1	G Husband (5)	83
7	(7)	00215-0	ELECTRIC DANCER 58J (C,F) (C Horgan) C Horgan 5-8-11	Dean McKeown	84
8	(11)	0/0/00-6	THARSIS 17 (D Drury) W Bentley 5-8-6	A Cruz	92
9	(8)	152343	LAFKADIO 12 (Black Diamond Racing Plc) M Chapman 4-8-4	N Kennedy (5)	87
10	(4)	4564-42	BEAN BOY 12 (F,S) (Mrs S Eastaby) M H Easterby 13-8-2	F Norton (7)	92
11	(2)	34454-0	SPRING FORWARD 14 (B,F,G,S) (G Whitaker) R Peacock 7-7-11	S Wood (3)	91
12	(6)	406/0	ORIENTAL DREAM 16 (B) (D Humphries) F Yardley 7-7-7	G Carter	95

BETTING: 4-1 Bean Boy, 5-1 Lafkadio, 6-1 Silly Habit, Hear A Nightingale, 8-1 Electric Dancer, 10-1 Spring Morn, 12-1 Grace Card, 16-1 others.

1990: BLUFF COVE 8-9-4 G Husband (4-6 fav) R Hollinshead 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

SILLY HABIT 3rd beaten 4½l by Pharoah's Guest (gave 1lb) with SPRING MORN (gave 10lb) 4th beaten 9¾l at Beverley (2m, good to firm). HEAR A NIGHTINGALE 7th beaten 25l by Windbound Lass (gave 2lb) with FLAMING GLORY (gave 3lb) last of 11 at Warwick (1m 6f, good). ELECTRIC DANCER last year best Grace Card (gave 10lb) 2l here (2m 1f, firm). THARIS made some late headway when 6th beaten over 18½l by Star Player (levels) at Beverley (2m, good to firm). BEAN BOY finished well when 2nd beaten 8l by Taroudent (rec 21lb) with LAFKADIO (rec 1lb) 3rd beaten over 8l here (2m 1f, good).
Selection: BEAN BOY

5.15 TOTE BOOKMAKERS STAKES (£3,687: 1m) (4 runners)

1	(2)	0020-61	LIFEWATCH VISION 7 (D,F,G) (Dr A Gillespie) M Johnston 4-9-10	R P Elliott	99
2	(3)	051120-	MESSAGE PAD 212 (D,F,G) (Lord Derby) J Watts 4-9-10	Dean McKeown	95
3	(4)	450000	BREEZED WELL 12 (F,G) (Shadowfax Racing) C Allen 5-9-0	Mick Denaro (7)	87
4	(1)	221010-	MAGIC EXPRESS 206 (F) (Eourle Fustok) M Moubarak 4-9-0	A Cruz	89

BETTING: Evens Lifewatch Vision, 11-4 Message Pad, 7-2 Magic Express, 16-1 Breezed Well.

1990: REINE D'BEAUTE 4-8-8 S Cauthen (30-100 fav) H Cecil 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

LIFEWATCH VISION best Glassblower (rec 10lb) 3l at Brighton (1m, firm). MESSAGE PAD on penultimate outing was 2nd beaten ¾l by Va Toujours (rec 5lb) at York (1m 1f, good to firm). BREEZED WELL last of 11 to Terimon (gave 3lb) at Newmarket (1m 1f, good to firm). MAGIC EXPRESS last of 8 to Noble Patriarch (levels) at Goodwood (1m 2f, soft); earlier beat Akimbo (rec 5lb) 1½l at Lingfield (1m 1f, firm).
Selection: LIFEWATCH VISION

5.45 LEVY BOARD MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,027: 6f) (10 runners)

1	(1)	40-	COLOUR SERGEANT 219 (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 9-0	Dean McKeown	99
2	(5)	0-	SHEIKH ALBADOU 192 (Hilal Salem) A Scott 9-0	B Raymond	83
3	(8)	00	STRIMMER 11 (Lady Howard de Walden) W Jarvis 9-0	M Tebbutt	83
4	(6)	00-	ARMAITI 196 (L. McMullen) M Johnston 8-9	R P Elliott	80
5	(10)		DREAMTIME ECHO (The Famous Five) J Balding 8-9	G Duffield	—
6	(4)	0800-	DULCIMAL 194 (A Jones) M Chapman 8-9	S Webster	—
7	(9)	0	PENNY HASSET 10 (Mrs A Hanson) M W Easterby 8-9	K Darley	—
8	(2)	5-	QUALITAIR REALITY 850 (N Jinks) M Barraclough 8-9	L Charnock	—
9	(7)	4500-00	RED MAYDAY 59 (R Jones) E Owen jun 8-9	C Dwyer	—
10	(3)	3	ROSSANITA 21 (Kendal Wills & Co Ltd) D Topley 8-9	J Lowe	79
11	(11)	5	FLORALIA 14 (Sheikh Mohammed) G Wragg 8-9	G Carter	—

BETTING: 5-2 Colour Sergeant, 3-1 Armaiti, 9-2 Floralia, 5-1 Sheikh Albadou, 8-1 Rossanita, 10-1 Strimmer, 12-1 Qualitair Reality, 14-1 others.

1990: CHILIBOY 9-0 B Raymond (8-1) J Dunlop 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

COLOUR SERGEANT last of 7 to Time Gentleman (levels) at Newbury (6f, good to firm); earlier 4th beaten 4l by Tiawa (rec 5lb) at Chester (6f, good). SHEIKH ALBADOU 8th of 11 to Chimayo (levels) at Newmarket (6f, good). ARMAITI 8th of 18 to Noble Destiny (levels) at Leicester (7f, firm). QUALITAIR REALITY 5th beaten 9½l by Jeans Valentine (rec 4lb) at Hamilton (6f, good). ROSSANITA 3rd beaten 12l by Tbab (gave 5lb) at Newcastle (6f, soft). FLORALIA 6th beaten 7l by Wanda's Dream (levels) at Folkestone (5f, firm).
Selection: COLOUR SERGEANT

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
G Harwood	11	24	45.8	Jaki Houston	3	11	27.3
J Hills	3	9	33.3	A Clark	5	23	21.7
W Jarvis	5	19	26.3	R Hills	11	62	17.7
G Wragg	9	39	23.1	A Munro	9	51	17.6
M Johnston	3	13	23.1	G Husband	4	25	16.0
Lord Huntingdon	6	29	20.7	G Carter	14	105	13.3

4.00 WATLING STREET STAKES (3-Y-O fillies: £4,435: 1m 1f) (8 runners)

1	(1)	01010-0	JIMJUL 10 (G) (J Knowles) B Palling 9-9	J Carroll	98
2	(4)	65221-	GOOD POLICY 217 (F) (Lady Vivienne Lillingston) P Walwyn 9-4	L Dettori	88
3	(6)	102-22-	SO ROMANTIC 14 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) G Wragg 9-4	W R Swinburn	99
4	(7)	3106-3	DON'T PRESUME 10 (F) (Flint Cottage Stables) M Tompkins 9-3	R Cochrane	97
5	(2)	33-1	CLIPPING 16 (F) (Lord Howard de Walden) H Cecil 9-2	W Ryan	92
6	(3)	0	LATE LADY 16 (D Tylden-Wright) R Holder 8-11	A Dicks	67
7	(8)	0-	PATRICIA 198 (C St. George) H Cecil 8-11	W Carson	—
8	(5)	0-	SHOKA 177 (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 8-11	M Hills	70

BETTING: 5-4 Clipping, 7-2 So Romantic, 11-2 Shoka, 6-1 Good Policy, 8-1 Patricia, 12-1 Don't Presume, 16-1 Jimjul, 50-1 Late Lady.

1990: MADAME DUBOIS 9-2 W Ryan (5-6 fav) H Cecil 3 ran

4.30 RUGELEY CLAIMING STAKES (4-Y-O colts & geldings: £2,745: 1m 4f 100yd) (14 runners)

1	(2)	0823-0	MIDDAY SHOW 30J (Bingdon Builders Ltd) J Jenkins 9-9	L Dettori	—
2	(12)	4112-60	THE LIQUIDISER 20 (D,F,S) (Mrs B Facchino) R Hollinshead 9-9	S Perks	76
3	(9)	0/6012-0	SAFETY 24 (B,C,F) (K Sturgis) J White 8-7	R Cochrane	66
4	(4)	000-00	COMMANDING OFFICER 25 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 8-3	T McLaughlin (7)	—
5	(13)	2633-R3	STRADBROKE 12 (Miss S Lavery) M James 8-3	A Proud	62
6	(6)	123-16	COPPER RIVER 54J (G) (Mrs B Facchino) R Hollinshead 8-0	W Carson	99
7	(5)	5-23144	FIRST STAGE 14 (S Moss) J Scargill 8-0	B Crossley	51
8	(10)	1/56-	FASTBIT 18J (S) (Classical Enterprises Ltd) C Jackson 7-12	J Fortune	—
9	(1)	00-	TRADE SECRET 16J (V Lockley) W Clay 7-11	—	—
10	(3)	0/10460-	SOOTY TERN 30J (F) (J Bradley) J Bradley 7-10	—	76
11	(8)	05U000-	CHICAGO'S BEST 114J (S Jolly) P Burgoyne 7-7	J Quinn	—
12	(14)	2510-10	JOKERS PATCH 16 (D,F) (Mrs L Webb) R Holder 7-7	N Adams	98
13	(7)	60200-0	KID LEWIS 14 (A Samuel) Mrs A Knight 7-7	J Fanning (5)	90
14	(11)		ROYAL RUPERT 70J (The Worsley Racing Partnership) R Jukes 7-7	A Garth (7)	—

BETTING: 2-1 Jokers Patch, 7-2 Copper River, 4-1 The Liquidiser, 9-2 First Stage, 8-1 Safety, 12-1 Stradbroke, 20-1 others.

1990: LOCH DUICH 9-9 W Carson (5-4 fav) W Jarvis 11 ran

5.00 ATHERSTONE HANDICAP (3 & 4-Y-O fillies: £3,131: 7f) (17 runners)

1	(16)	105-001	YONGE TENDER 16 (B,D,F,G) (Dr T Molony) J Wharton 4-10-0	J Fanning (5)	88
2	(4)	150000-	FOUNTAIN LOCH 170 (D,F,G) (G Ferndon) R Holder 4-9-8	N Adams	92
3	(7)	0-80402	CORAL FLUTTER 10 (B) (D Walter) J Payne 4-9-2	A Stringer	89
4	(11)	08451-0	ABSALOUI 12 (B) (A Poole) W Turner 3-9-0	S Hawkes (7)	93
5	(15)	4050-40	ASTRAL'S DELIGHT 16 (F) (Heathavon Stables Ltd) J Berry 3-8-13	J Carroll	97
6	(17)	30003-8	LADY BUNTING 24 (Mrs P James) L Cottrell 4-8-12	G Hind (3)	91
7	(9)	351000-	MISTRESS CARROLL 215 (D,F) (T Ford) J O'Shea 4-8-12	J Fortune	95
8	(5)	30/60030-	ON Y VA 270 (T Horner) R Williams 4-8-11	R Cochrane	99
9	(3)	310000-	MASELLA 177 (G) (T Newsome) J Hills 4-8-10	L Dettori	89
10	(2)	00-5	PLEASE PLEASE ME 18 (C Buckle) A Lee 3-8-8	J Quinn	96
11	(8)	53-6050	JUSILATA 16 (Mrs H Wane) K McCauley 3-8-7	S Perks	95
12	(1)	2000-00	AL BADETO 84 (S Goodman) J Norton 4-8-6	A Culhane	87
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West Indies pay the penalty for hideous excesses

From JOHN WOODCOCK IN ANTIGUA

IN A thoroughly ill-tempered fifth Test match, sponsored by Cable and Wireless, West Indies were 73 for four in reply to Australia's first innings total of 403 here yesterday afternoon. The one elegant feature of the play had been an outstanding century by Mark Waugh. West Indies seemed to be thinking that the occasion was one for excesses and so far, anyway, they were paying the penalty for it.

Much of their fast bowling was aimed not at the stumps but at the batsman's head and body. It was sad beyond measure to see the side now universally accepted as undisputed champions playing cricket as it was never intended to be played. By wasting so much of the ball, when they were not indulging the batsmen with spin, West Indies allowed Australia to compile their best total of the series.

Jones played himself back into form — he has been showing signs of it for the last fortnight — and Waugh showed himself better equipped against the short stuff than many had expected. The second 50 of his second Test hundred came in only 39 balls, and when he tried to improvise against the bouncers by making room to hit them through the off side off the back foot, much as one imagines Bradman did in the Bodyline series, he did so with some success. His 139 not out came in 188 balls and 307 minutes, included 11 fours and three sixes, and contained eight shots of pain-killing spray.

Having taken two early wickets on Saturday, West Indies were held up first by some admirable batting from Taylor and Border, whereupon something got into them. While Hooper and Richards were bowling lollypops at one end, Ambrose, Patterson and Walsh seemed bent on killing someone from the other.

The time came when Waugh and Jones were either ducking for their lives or helping themselves. Of the 109 runs which Waugh scored in the three hours between tea and the end of play on Saturday evening, 65 came off Hooper and Richards. The fast bowlers scored perhaps half-a-dozen hits, including two nasty ones on the fingers and one to Jones's rib-cage.

At one stage, Ambrose sent down seven bouncers in eight balls, and although Richards and Hooper bowled so much, Richards sometimes off two paces, West Indies still took three hours to get through 38overs. And what did the umpires do about it? Absolutely nothing. It was a travesty of the game, by the end of which Australia's 355 for 5 was the highest score ever made on the first day of a Test match in the West Indies.

Yesterday morning, Australia lost their last five wickets for 32 runs in 21 overs. Richards decided he had given enough away the day before, so that Ambrose, Marshall and Walsh shared the attack. Waugh took several more knocks, and McDermott a horrid one from Ambrose just above the elbow. Dujon extended his haul of catches in the series to 21, only three short of Deryck Murray's West Indian record. There was time for only one over before lunch when Australia's last wicket fell.

In the first hour afterwards, McDermott tore into the West Indian batting. In his second over, he had Greenidge leg-before; in his third, he bowled Richardson, who was going for the drive, and in his sixth, he had Richards leg-before. Hooper, meanwhile, was leg-before to Hughes. Although Australian bouncers were not uncommon, they were not incessant. Hence the success of Border's bowlers on a pitch with a steepish bounce to it.

AUSTRALIA: First Innings

M A Taylor c Dujon b Hooper	59
G R Marsh c Richards b Patterson	6
D C Boon c Greenidge b Ambrose	0
*A R Border c Dujon b Hooper	59
D M Jones lbw b Marshall	81
M E Waugh not out	139
†I A Healy c Dujon b Marshall	12
P L Taylor c Dujon b Ambrose	2
M G Hughes b Ambrose	1
C J McDermott c Dujon b Walsh	7
T M Alderman b Walsh	0
Extras: (b 1, lb 11, nb 18, w 6)	37
Total	403

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-13, 3-127, 4-156, 5-342, 6-371, 7-381, 8-385, 9-403.

BOWLING: Ambrose 30-6-92-3; Patterson 12-1-44-1; Walsh 22-1-54-2; Marshall 32-1-72-2; Hooper 15-1-82-2; Richards 7-0-46-0.

WEST INDIES: First Innings

D L Haynes not out	46
C G Greenidge lbw b McDermott	6
Richardson b McDermott	3
C L Hooper lbw b Hughes	2
†*I V A Richards lbw b McDermott	0
A L Logie not out	11
Extras	5
Total (4 wkts)	73

†*P J L Dujon, M D Marshall, C E L Ambrose, C A Walsh and B P Patterson to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-22, 3-35, 4-46.

Umpires: L Barker and S Buchnor.

Lancashire return to winning ways

By IVO TENNANT

LANCASHIRE, the favourites to win the Refuge Assurance League this season, were back to their winning ways yesterday. Having surprisingly lost their opening match last Sunday, they accounted for Northamptonshire, gifted stroke-makers and all, by five wickets.

There were five overs to spare and runs for Lloyd (71) and Fowler (52). This after Bailey, who made 99, had put on 123 with Capel in 22 overs for Northamptonshire.

At Lord's, Surrey, who had surprisingly beaten Middlesex in the Benson and Hedges Cup during the week, now did so again. Brown made an undefeated 81 and Pooley 42 but, with Gatting for once not making a score of note, Surrey were able to pace their reply. Stewart and Greig, as effective a pair of one-day batsmen as any in the country, made 71 and an unbeaten 68.

The highlight of this match came when Greig cleared the Grandstand roof, Old Father Time and all, in making his runs off 70 balls. Stewart's 71 came from 69 balls. For Middlesex, Brown's 81 came from 78 balls. He was ably partnered by Keech.

At Taunton, Sussex seemingly had made sufficient runs to beat Somerset, even with as relatively moderate a total as 188 for nine. Hall and Smith put on 83 for the first wicket. No Somerset batsman played a convincing innings until Rose, that most powerful striker of the ball, won the match with a half-century.

At Grace Road, Leicestershire beat Glamorgan by 13 runs largely as a result of an innings of 73 at a run a ball by Whitaker and tight bowling by Lewis and Maguire. This was Leicestershire's first victory in one-day cricket this season. Holmes, who struck 72, and Morris, 62, had put on 109 in 13 overs for Glamorgan, but to no avail.

DAVID WORTHY



Open-mouthed endeavour: Paul Smith giving his all for Warwickshire yesterday

Benson leads the run feast

By IVO TENNANT

THERE were those who wondered how Mark Benson would take to the captaincy of Kent this season, together with opening their batting and coping with the demands of his benefit. First indications are nothing if not propitious. Yesterday he made 257 against Hampshire, the highest score of his career.

His previous highest innings was also against Hampshire, 162 on the same Southampton ground in 1985. This time, given the support of his predecessor as captain, Christopher Cowdrey, who made 97, Benson made the fullest use of a chalky white pitch, batting for 523 minutes, facing 421 balls and hitting 32 fours. Small wonder he prefers not to bat down the order.

Kent, sated with runs, then had four Hampshire batsmen out by the close. This, of course, is a four-day match, one of two to include play yesterday. The other was at New Road, where, when bad light stopped play, Worcestershire were making some headway in reply to Gloucestershire's first-innings total of 450. Athey and Russell, undefeated overnight, made 56 and 64 respectively. Botham took a further three wickets to have figures of five for 125.

No one, it is said, wants his England place back as badly as Botham. Retrograde step or not, and Ted Dexter, chairman of the England committee, appeared to indicate last week that it would be, he is starting to make runs as well. There can be few more ominous sights for bowlers than Moody and Botham in partnership, as they were during the last session. The one has 82, the other 39, which means that New Road could be the ground to visit this morning.

All in all, this was quite a weekend for opening batsmen. Benson and Scott, with 127 against Worcestershire, were but two of five to make centuries, the others being Fordham for Northamptonshire against Derbyshire, Darren Bicknell, who carried his bat for Surrey against Essex, and Mendis, whose century for Lancashire off Warwickshire was his second already this season.

Fairbrother, captaining Lancashire in the continued absence of Hughes, struck a rapid 121. Last year in the first round of championship matches he struck 366 off Surrey and later 203 off Warwickshire at Coventry: it was as if he was emphasising on Saturday that the bat will continue to dominate the ball this season.

Another Lancastrian was to the fore: Mark Crawley, now with Nottinghamshire, made a century against Oxford University on his return to The Parks. Only at Grace Road, where Lewis and Leicestershire bowled out Glamorgan cheaply, and at Taunton, where no one other than Cook mastered the Sussex attack, did the bowlers truly hold sway. Middlesex would have done so had Blakey not defied them for four hours 48 minutes in making 97 for Yorkshire.

Yorkshire collapse to defeat

By JACK BAILEY

CHELMSFORD: *Essex (4pts) beat Yorkshire by nine wickets*

YORKSHIRE simply did not bat well enough to make this any sort of real contest. In conditions which cried out for a total well past the 200 mark, they could muster only 149. Adequately though they bowled in defending their meagre score, they were never in a position to put Essex under any kind of duress as first Stephenson stroked them to all parts and then Gooch and Malik commanded the field with an undefeated partnership of 98 runs.

Essex, on the other hand, looked very much the part; not only for this abbreviated form of the game, but for whatever else the season has to offer. This team batted down to No. 10 and the bowling, if not formidable, was more than adequate for yesterday's task.

The "get up and go" attitude with which Yorkshire, from the new president downwards, have greeted the new season, failed to materialise when they chose to bat on a true pitch. For a time, it looked as though the 14 wides, called stringently by umpire Lyons especially, might head the scoring list as the vastly promising Ilott, Pringle and Gooch weaved their way through the batting.

Ilott's fast-medium left arm disconcerted the right-handers regularly, causing both Moxon and Metcalfe to reach forward and give catches to Garnham, so that with two good wickets down for 17 in the first eight overs, Yorkshire's search for a path to recovery was left obscure. They never really found their way. Sharp, demoted in the order to let in the left-handed Byas, played better than anyone and, aided by a few stout blows by Philip Robinson and Carrick, saw Yorkshire to a position where they had something, if not much, to bowl at.

The Essex fielding was as crisp and keen as ever. Garnham had a field day behind the stumps with four catches; and so on top of their game were the home team that Gooch was allowed the comparative luxury of bowling Such for the full quota of eight overs. It was Such who made a good catch at deep mid-on to get rid of Sharp, who had threatened to turn his 37 into something much larger. But Ilott produced the catch of the innings as he stood, unwavering, under a steepling hook from Byas, his life having ample time to flash before him before the ball finally came down.

Almost as soon as the Essex innings began, the writing was on the wall. Stephenson was into his stride even more quickly than Gooch, and to him went the lion's share of 14 runs from Jarvis's first over, a tally increased to 21 by the time two overs had been bowled. Thereafter, although a barrage of appeals from Sidebottom rent the air, Gooch moved serenely onward, losing Stephenson after a brisk 32 from 13 overs, but finding a classy partner in Malik.



Bailey: in the runs

Nottinghamshire stroll on

By RICHARD STREETON

TRENT BRIDGE: (Warwickshire won toss). Nottinghamshire (4pts) beat Warwickshire by 82 runs

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE, who have never won the Sunday league, have made the best possible start in the Refuge Assurance League. They followed their nine-wicket win against Lancashire, the favourites, the previous weekend, with another convincing victory yesterday.

Warwickshire, set to make 213, batted with little conviction and were all out for 130. They lost their last eight wickets for 54 runs in 16 overs. The turning point came when Hemmings, the off-spinner, joined the attack against his former county.

Cooper and Stephenson each took an early wicket but Lloyd and Paul Smith seemed to be over the worst as they set about retrieving the poor start. In Hemmings's first over Lloyd pulled him for six but Hemmings, in his second over, dismissed both batsmen and Warwickshire never looked likely to challenge again.

Lloyd was bowled by a quicker ball and Smith lifted a catch to mid-on. Hemmings later dismissed Neil Smith and Piper with successive balls and finished with four for 26. Crawley, the new Nottinghamshire signing from Lancashire, contributed usefully with a brisk knock and two wickets with his occasional medium pace.

Nottinghamshire owed much to a brisk and attractive 80 by Johnson. Munton, who took wickets in his third and fifth overs, bowled well on a grassless pitch and it was a little while before Johnson was able to assert himself.

Johnson was fourth out in the 32nd over, the first of three wickets to fall for seven runs. Stephenson, however, led a fruitful closing assault. He hit 36 in 25 balls, including two sixes against Munton and four fours. He later took three wickets.

Munton's first success came when he had Broad caught behind against a ball which moved away late and he followed with a low, left-handed return catch to dismiss Robinson. Johnson and Randall rode through the potential crisis.

A hundred seemed on the cards for Johnson once he moved into his stride with neat cover drives and powerful hits to leg. Randall at 75 gave Smith a return catch from a leading edge as soon as the off-spinner bowled before Crawley gave Johnson the support he needed.

As Johnson became increasingly confident, he lifted Moles for six over a short legside boundary at one end and when Donald returned he hit the South African for two more sixes in an over that cost 18 runs. The fourth wicket was worth 74 in ten overs before Johnson lifted a square cut against Small and was caught.

Paul Smith followed with two wickets in the same over, having Saxelby caught behind and yorking Crawley.

Withers rallies Cowdray

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By JOHN WATSON

COWDRAY Park's medium-goal season started over the weekend at Ambersham, Sussex, with first-round and quarter-final matches for the Tyro Cup, which is being played over five chukkas. In the quarter-finals, Cowdray Park beat People Skills International (rec ½), 8-6½ and Frasers beat Graffham, 8-6.

In a first-round match, Broncos defeated Rowleys 12-11 in extra time to qualify for their place in the quarter-finals against Stilemans on Wednesday. These were clean and orderly duels which, it is hoped, may set an example for the forthcoming summer.

PSI's line-up included the seven-goaler, Alan Kent, who was standing in for Stuart McKenzie, of New Zealand, and Stuart Dickson, Mike Rutherford's substitute. The dynamic combination of Kent and Oliver Ellis saw PSI leading over the first two chukkas. Thereafter, Cowdray drew ahead, their pivot man, Paul Withers, attacking with his customary energy and long-hitting style.

But Kent's facility for accurate penalty conversions, of which he achieved no fewer than five, almost put PSI up again.

TEAMS: Cowdray Park: 1 C Fraser (2), 2 C Bethell (4), 3 P Withers (7), Bk Hon C Pearson (2). People Skills International: 1 S Dickson (0), 2 O Ellis (5), 3 A Kent (7), Bk T Henton (2). Frasers: 1 G Raddick (1), 2 J Lucas (5), 3 J Hipwood (5), Bk: C Emson (1). Graffham: 1 H Brett (0), 2 D Jamison (3), 3 H Gallindo (5), Bk: P Churchward (4), Broncos: 1 G Farley (1), 2 W Lucas (5), 3 T Ezcurra (6), Bk: Lord Milford Haven (2), Rowleyer, 1 A Bailleu (1), 2 D Morley (3), 3 O Sosa (5), Bk: R Guess (2).

SATURDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance County championship

Leics v Glamorgan

LEICESTER *(Glamorgan won toss): Leicestershire, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 84 runs behind Glamorgan.*

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

P A Cottey c Whitcase b Lewis	3
*H Morris b Lewis	11
R J Shastri c Whitcase b Millns	0
M P Maynard c Lewis b Millns	41
G C Holmes c Whitcase b Lewis	18
I Smith lbw b Maguire	39
R D B Croft c Willey b Lewis	16
†C P Metson c Benson b Lewis	0
S L Watkin not out	13
S R Barwick c Briers b Maguire	5
M Frost lbw b Millns	0
Extras (lb 9, w 1, nb 6)	16
Total	161

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-10, 3-23, 4-79, 5-79, 6-104, 7-104, 8-145, 9-157.

BOWLING: Lewis 22-7-35-5; Millns 11.5-2-41-3, Maguire 15-6-35-2, Mullally 16-5-40-0; Potter 2-1-1-0

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

*N E Briers not out	42
P N Hepworth not out	29
Extras (lb 5, w 1)	6
Total (no wkt)	77

J J Whitaker, P Willey, L Potter, C C Lewis, J D R Benson, †P Whitcase, D J Millns, J N Maguire and A D Mullally to bat.

Bonus points: Leicester 4, Glamorgan 1.

Umpires: H D Bird and J D Bond.

Derbys v Northants

DERBY *(Derbyshire won toss): Northants have scored 347 for four wickets against Derbyshire*

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First innings

A Fordham c Krikken b Mortensen	131
N A Felton c Bowler b Base	9
R J Bailey lbw b Azharuddin	83
*A J Lamb not out	74
D J Capel lbw b Jean-Jacques	18
R G Williams not out	11
Extras (lb 4, w 3, nb 16)	23
Total (4 wkts)	347

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-47, 2-207, 3-274, 4-314

N G B Cook, E A E Baptiste, †D Ripley, J G Thomas and J P Taylor to bat.

DERBYSHIRE: *K J Barnett, P D Bowler, J E Morris, Mohammad Azharuddin, M Jean-Jacques, T J G O'Gorman, C J Adams, †K M Krikken, A E Warner, O H Mortensen, S J Base*

Bonus points: Derbyshire 1, Northants 4.

Umpires: D J Constant and K E Palmer.

Somerset v Sussex

TAUNTON *(Somerset won toss): Sussex, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 195 runs behind Somerset.*

SOMERSET: First Innings

S J Cook b Pigott	57
P M Roebuck c Smith b Jones	18
A N Hayhurst c Hall b Salisbury	32
*C J Tavaré c Moores b North	25
R J Harden c Moores b North	19
†N D Burns c Smith b Donelan	7
G D Rose c Salisbury b Donelan	13
R P Lefebvre c Greenfield b Pigott	16
I G Swallow c Greenfield b Pigott	4
N A Mallender lbw b North	15
D A Graveney not out	4
Extras (lb 8, w 4, nb 7)	19
Total	229

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-51, 2-103, 3-123, 4-152, 5-167, 6-175, 7-193, 8-207, 9-210.

BOWLING: Jones 13-2-28-1; Pigott 21-6-36-3; North 15.3-2-54-3; Salisbury 23-7-64-1; Donelan 16-4-39-2.

SUSSEX: First Innings

D M Smith not out	14
J W Hall not out	11
Extras (lb 3, w 1, nb 4)	8
Total (no wkt)	33

*P W G Parker, A P Wells, K Greenfield, J A North, †P Moores, A C S Pigott, I D K Salisbury, A N Jones and B T P Donelan to bat.

Bonus points: Somerset 2, Sussex 4.

Umpires: J C Balderstone and A G T Whitehead.

Middlesex v Yorks

LORD'S *(Yorkshire won toss): Yorkshire have scored 250 for nine wickets against Middlesex.*

YORKSHIRE: First Innings

*M D Moxon b Cowans	15
A A Metcalfe c Downton b Headley	18
D Byas c Downton b Headley	32
†R J Blakey c Downton b Headley	37
P E Robinson c Downton b Tufnell	10
S A Kellett run out	42
P Carrick c Gatting b Emburey	0
P W Jarvis not out	18
P J Hartley b Headley	1
J D Batty c Cowans b Taylor	0
M A Robinson not out	4
Extras (lb 1, lb 10, nb 2)	13
Total (9 wkts)	250

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28, 2-38, 3-125, 4-141, 5-224, 6-225, 7-227, 8-229, 9-240.

MIDDLESEX: I J F Hutchinson, J C Pooley, *M W Gatting, M R Ramprakash, K R Brown, †P R Downton, J E Emburey, D W Headley, C W Taylor, P C R Tufnell, N G Cowans.

Bonus points: Middlesex 1, Yorkshire 2.

Umpires: B Hassan and A A Jones.

Essex v Surrey

CHELMSFORD *(Essex won toss): Essex, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 247 runs behind Surrey.*

SURREY: First Innings

D J Bicknell not out	145
M A Lynch lbw b Pringle	11
A J Stewart c Hussain b Pringle	19
D M Ward c Garnham b Topley	30
G P Thorpe c Garnham b Topley	0
J D Robinson c Pringle b Foster	15
*I A Greig c Gooch b Topley	0
†N F Sargeant lbw b Topley	11
M P Bicknell c Garnham b Topley	6
A J Murphy lbw b Foster	2
A G Robson b Andrew	0
Extras (b 3, lb 4, w 4, nb 18)	29
Total	288

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-81, 3-120, 4-124, 5-166, 6-178, 7-214, 8-228, 9-252.

BOWLING: Foster 23-4-81-2; Pringle 29-6-74-2; Andrew 19-2-55-1, Topley 23-3-71-5.

ESSEX: First Innings

*G A Gooch c Sargeant b Murphy	3
J P Stephenson not out	9
T D Topley not out	1
Extras (b 4, lb 3, w 1)	8
Total (1 wkt)	21

FALL OF WICKET: 1-11.

P J Prichard, Salim Malik, N Hussain, N Shahid, D R Pringle, †M A Garnham, N A Foster and S J W Andrew to bat.

Bonus points: Essex 4, Surrey 3.

Umpires: K J Lyons and P B Wight.

Warwicks v Lancs

EDGBASTON *(Lancashire won toss): Lancashire have scored 377 for five wickets against Warwickshire.*

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

G D Mendis lbw b Smith	113
G Fowler c Moles b Small	35
M A Atherton c Cutler b Moles	10
*N H Fairbrother c Small b Reeve	121
N J Speak not out	37
M Watkinson b Small	30
Extras (b 13, lb 11, w 1, nb 6)	31
Total (5 wkts)	377

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-111, 2-150, 3-224, 4-324, 5-377.

Wasim Akram, P A J DeFreitas, †W K Hegg, G Yates and P J W Allott to bat.

WARWICKSHIRE: A J Moles, Asif Din, *T A Lloyd, P A Smith, D A Reeve, D P Ostler, †K J Piper, G C Small, A R K Pierson, A A Donald, T M Munton.

Bonus points: Warwicks 1, Lancashire 4.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and B Leadbeater.

Other match

Oxford U v Notts

THE PARKS *(Nottinghamshire won toss): Nottinghamshire have scored 279 against Oxford University.*

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

P R Pollard lbw b Oppenheimer	20
M Newell lbw b Turner	91
M A Crawley c Montgomerie b Gupte	112
*P Johnson not out	97
M Saxelby c Sandiford b Gupte	13
K P Evans c Sandiford b Lovell	13
D J R Martindale not out	4
Extras (b 11, lb 1, w 6)	18
Total (5 wkts)	368

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-40, 2-208, 3-257, 4-285, 5-348.

†C W Scott, M G Field-Buss, R A Pick and J A Afford to bat.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: R E Morris, R R Montgomerie, C M Gupte, G B T Lovell, *G J Turner, D B Pfaff, D A Hagan, †D C Sandiford, J E Oppenheimer, R M Macdonald, B S Wood.

Umpires: R Julian and G A Stickley.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance County championship

Hampshire v Kent

SOUTHAMPTON *(Kent won toss): Hampshire, with six second-innings wickets in hand, are 394 runs behind Kent.*

KENT: First Innings

N R Taylor lbw b Baldwin	3
*M R Benson c Nicholas b Baldwin	257
T R Ward c Ayres b Aqib	35
G R Cowdrey c Gower b Maru	0
C S Cowdrey c Maru b Nicholas	97
R M Ellison lbw b Baldwin	1
R P Davis b Aqib Javed	0
C Penn c Middleton b Baldwin	37
T A Merrick not out	9
A P Igglesden c Baldwin b Ayling	7
†S A Marsh absent	0
Extras (b 10, lb 10, w 3, nb 13)	36
Total	482

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-98, 3-101, 4-325, 5-343, 6-345, 7-455, 8-464, 9-482.

Score at 100 overs: 318 for 3.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

T C Middleton c G Cowdrey b Merrick	15
C L Smith c Taylor b Merrick	19
D I Gower c Benson b Merrick	0
J R Wood b Merrick	26
*M C J Nicholas not out	5
Extras (b 6, lb 5, nb2)	13
Total (4 wkts)	86

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-40, 2-52, 3-57, 4-86.

J R Ayling, K D James, †A N Aymes, R J Maru, P J Bakker and Aaqib Javed to bat.

Bonus Points: Hampshire 1, Kent 5.

Umpires: J H Harris and N T Plews.

Worcester v Gloucs

WORCESTER: *Worcestershire, with five first-innings wickets in hand, are 195 runs behind Gloucestershire.*

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

G D Hodgson c Rhodes b Newport	65
R J Scott st Rhodes b Botham	127
*A J Wright c Hick b Radford	30
C W J Athey not out	22
M W Alleyne lbw b Radford	2
J W Lloyds lbw b Botham	4
†R C Russell b Botham	64
D V Lawrence c Moody b Lampitt	23
D R Gilbert c Curtis b Botham	16
A M Smith not out	3
A M Babington c Lord b Botham	13
Extras (b 5, lb 16, w 6, nb 20)	47
Total	450

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-179, 2-247, 3-247, 4-249, 5-280, 6-385, 7-413, 8-426, 9-430.

BOWLING: Radford 28-2-94-2; Newport 25-2-85-1; Lampitt 34-10-75-2; Botham 34.2-8-125-5; Illingworth 14-4-40-0; Hick 6-2-10-0.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

T S Curtis lbw b Babington	49
G J Lord b Gilbert	29
G A Hick b Babington	14
T M Moody not out	28
†P A Neale lbw b Babington	29
I T Botham not out	39
Extras (lb8 nb5)	13
Total (4 wkts)	255

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-77, 2-91, 3-103, 4-187.

†S J Rhodes, R K Illingworth, P J Newport, S R Lampitt and N V Radford to bat.

Bonus points: Gloucs 5, Worcs 5.

Umpires: G I Burgess and D R Shepherd.

Refuge Assurance League

Essex v Yorks

CHELMSFORD: *Essex (4pts) beat Yorkshire by nine wickets.*

YORKSHIRE: First Innings

*M D Moxon c Garnham b Ilott	6
A A Metcalfe c Garnham b Ilott	3
†R J Blakey lbw b Gooch	18
D Byas c Ilott b Gooch	5
P E Robinson run out	20
K Sharp c Such b Gooch	37
P W Jarvis c Garnham b Pringle	25
P Carrick not out	2
A Sidebottom c Garnham b Pringle	6
S D Fletcher not out	11
Extras (lb 4, nb w14)	18
Total (8 wkts)	149

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-17, 3-28, 4-48, 5-74, 6-86, 7-116, 1-28.

BOWLING: Pringle 8-1-28-2; Ilott 8-0-28-2; Gooch 8-1-25-3; Topley 6-0-18-0; Stephenson 4-0-19-0; Such 8-0-29-0.

ESSEX: First Innings

*G A Gooch not out	59
J P Stephenson c Blakey b Fletcher	32
Salim Malik not out	48
Extras (b 1, lb 8, w 2, nb 3)	14
Total (1 wkt)	153

FALL OF WICKET: 1-56.

BOWLING: Jarvis 8-1-39-0; Sidebottom 8-0-26-0; Fletcher 8-1-37-1; M A Robinson 6-1-25-0; Carrick 2-0-10-0; Moxon 1.3-0-7-0.

Somerset v Sussex

TAUNTON: *Somerset (4pts) beat Sussex by three wickets.*

SUSSEX: First Innings

J W Hall b Graveney	50
D M Smith c Rose b Lefebvre	48
*P W G Parker run out	3
K Greenfield b Lefebvre	5
A P Wells c and b Rose	36
J A North c Cooke b Rose	5
†P Moores b Lefebvre	12
A C S Pigott run out	14
I D K Salisbury run out	2
R A Bunting not out	1
A N Jones not out	0
Extras (b 1, lb 7, w 1, nb 1)	10
Total (9 wkts)	186

FALL OF WICKET: 1-83, 2-87, 3-132, 4-142, 5-158, 6-158, 7-183, 8-185, 9-187.

BOWLING: Mallender 8-0-57-0; Lefebvre 8-1-29-3; Rose 5-0-40-2; Swallow 3-0-16-0; Heyhurst 8-0-25-0; Graveney 7-0-33-1.

SOMERSET: First Innings

S J Cook c Parker b Jones	33
R J Bartlett c Moores b Pigott	26
*C J Tavaré b Salisbury	15
R J Harden c Moores b Jones	15
†N D Burns c Moores b North	6
G D Rose not out	50
A N Hayhurst not out	20
R P Lefebvre c Wells b North	4
I G Swallow not out	4
Extras (lb 1, w 11)	12
Total (7 wkts)	191

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-42, 2-78, 3-90, 4-102, 5-111, 6-179, 7-186.

BOWLING: Jones 8-0-49-2; Bunting 5-0-27-1; Pigott 8-0-30-1; Salisbury 8-1-16-1; North 5-0-38-2; Greenfield 4.3-0-29-0

Leics v Glamorgan

LEICESTER: *Leicestershire (4 pts) beat Glamorgan by 13 runs.*

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

†P Whitcase run out	6
*N E Briers run out	11
J J Whitaker c Frost b Watkin	73
P Willey c Metson b Shastri	27
C C Lewis c Barwick b Croft	8
L Potter lbw b Barwick	45
J D R Benson not out	14
P N Hepworth run out	5
J N Maguire not out	2
Extras (lb 8, w 6)	14
Total (7 wkts)	207

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-21, 3-75, 4-91, 5-176, 6-188, 7-204.

BOWLING: Watkin 8-2-28-2; Frost 8-0-48-0; Barwick 8-0-22-1; Shastri 8-0-36-1; Croft 7-0-49-1; Smith 1-0-7-0.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

P A Cottey lbw b Lewis	3
M P Maynard lbw b Maguire	2
*H Morris c Lewis b Benson	62
R J Shastri c Benson b Maguire	5
G C Holmes b Lewis	72
I Smith not out	27
R D B Croft c Benson b Maguire	6
†C P Metson not out	1
Extras (lb 4, w 11, nb 1)	16
Total (6 wkts)	194

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-15, 3-22, 4-131, 5-155, 6-192.

BOWLING: Lewis 8-2-33-2; Maguire 8-0-31-3; Wildman 8-0-39-0; Tennant 6-0-30-0; Willey 5-0-25-0; Benson 5-0-32-1.

Middlesex v Surrey

LORD'S: *Surrey (4pts) beat Middlesex by 4 wkts.*

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

*M W Gatting b Bolling	22
J C Pooley c Robinson b Waqar Younis	42
K R Brown not out	36
M Keech c Bicknell b Greig	36
†P R Downton c Waqar Younis b Bicknell	5
P N Weekes c Ward b Greig	3
J E Emburey not out	16
Extras (b 4, lb 7, w 5)	16
Total (5 wkts)	221

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-67, 2-71, 3-151, 4-159, 5-168.

BOWLING: Bicknell 7-0-37-1; Murphy 8-1-31-0; Robinson 5-0-34-0; Waqar 8-1-41-1; Bolling 3-0-21-1; Thorpe 2-0-16-0; Greig 7-0-30-2.

SURREY: First Innings

M A Lynch c Keech b Taylor	8
A D Brown b Tufnell	15
A J Stewart c Brown b Tufnell	71
D M Ward c Brown b Tufnell	7
G P Thorpe b Hughes	2
*I A Greig not out	68
J D Robinson b Hughes	9
M P Bicknell not out	7
Extras (lb 15, w 5, nb 3)	23
Total (6 wkts)	224

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-49, 3-69, 4-67, 5-128, 6-196.

BOWLING: Headley 8-0-41-0; Taylor 7.2-0-50-1; Tufnell 8-0-28-3; Hughes 8-0-46-2; Emburey 7-0-44-0.

Lancs v Northants

OLD TRAFFORD: *Lancashire (4pts) beat Northamptonshire by 5 wickets.*

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

A Fordham c Hegg b Allott	12
R J Bailey b Austin	86
A J Lamb b DeFreitas	13
D J Capel c Fowler b DeFreitas	53
R G Williams not out	16
E A E Baptiste not out	5
Extras (b 2, lb 13, w 6, nb 1)	21
Total (4 wkts)	219

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-40, 3-163, 4-211.

BOWLING: DeFreitas 8-0-38-2; Allott 8-0-27-1; Watkinson 8-0-53-0; Wasim Akram 8-1-33-0; Austin 8-0-32-1; Yates 2-0-20-0.

A L Penberthy, D Ripley, J G Thomas, N G B Cook and J P Taylor did not bat.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

G Fowler c Ripley b Taylor	52
M A Atherton b Thomas	25
*T A Lloyd c Cook b Capel	71
N H Fairbrother not out	39
M Watkinson c Penberthy b Taylor	4
Wasim Akram c Bailey b Capel	8
P A J DeFreitas not out	6
Extras (b 1, lb 12, nb 1, w 5)	19
Total (5 wkts)	222

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G D Lloyd, †W K Hegg, G Yates, I D Austin and P J W Allott did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-60, 2-121, 3-180, 4-189.

BOWLING: Taylor 8-1-27-2; Baptiste 7.1-0-34-0; Cook 8-0-36-0; Thomas 8-0-47-1; Capel 8-0-43-2; Williams 2-0-22-0.

Notts v Warwicks

TRENT BRIDGE: *Nottinghamshire (4pts) beat Warwicks by 82 runs.*

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

B C Broad c Piper b Munton	2
D W Randall c and b Smith	32
†R T Robinson c and b Munton	3
P Johnson c P Smith b Small	80
M A Crawley b P Smith	29
M Saxelby c Piper b P Smith	0
F D Stephenson not out	36
K P Evans not out	14
Extras (b 1, lb 8, w 5, nb 2)	16
Total (6 wkts)	212

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-20, 3-75, 4-149, 5-155, 6-158.

BOWLING: Munton 8-1-35-2; Donald 8-0-41-0; P A Smith 8-0-36-2; Small 8-0-37-1; Moles 4-0-24-0; N M K Smith 4-0-30-1.

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

A J Moles b Cooper	0
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SNOOKER

Money makes the world go round for in-form Hendry

By STEVE ACTESON

STEPHEN Hendry, from Scotland, the world champion, has been given an enormous financial incentive to produce one frame of perfect snooker during his defence of the title at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield.

Hendry is already sponsored to the sum of £250,000 a year by the glue manufacturers, Bostik. But yesterday, Hendry's manager, Ian Doyle, revealed that if Hendry can make a maximum 147 break at the Embassy world championships then his sponsor will reward him with a bonus of £1,000 per point.

Hendry, who last year became the youngest world champion, would also win the £100,000 prize for a maximum and the £12,000 highest-break prize donated by the tournament sponsor, Embassy. If Hendry, a millionaire, retains the world championship, he would also win the first prize of £135,000 and thus leave Sheffield £384,000 richer.

Doyle said: "I have no doubt that he can do it because Stephen has already made five century breaks during his first two matches."

Gary Wilkinson, who is also managed by Doyle, missed out on a maximum break in his first round victory over Doug Mountjoy when he potted 15 reds and blacks but missed the yellow at the start of the colours.

John Parrott, the world No. 3 from Liverpool, using a new cue, defeated Tony Knowles 13-1, with an entire session to spare. Parrott, who was beaten 18-3 by Steve Davis in the 1989 final and has never won a title on British soil, said: "I fully intend to put that right in the coming week."

Leading 7-1 overnight, Parrott yesterday reeled off six further successive winning frames with breaks of 57, 68, 36, 40, 69 and a masterly total clearance of 138 which provisionally leads the chase for the highest-break prize. He had made a break of 137 in the first session.

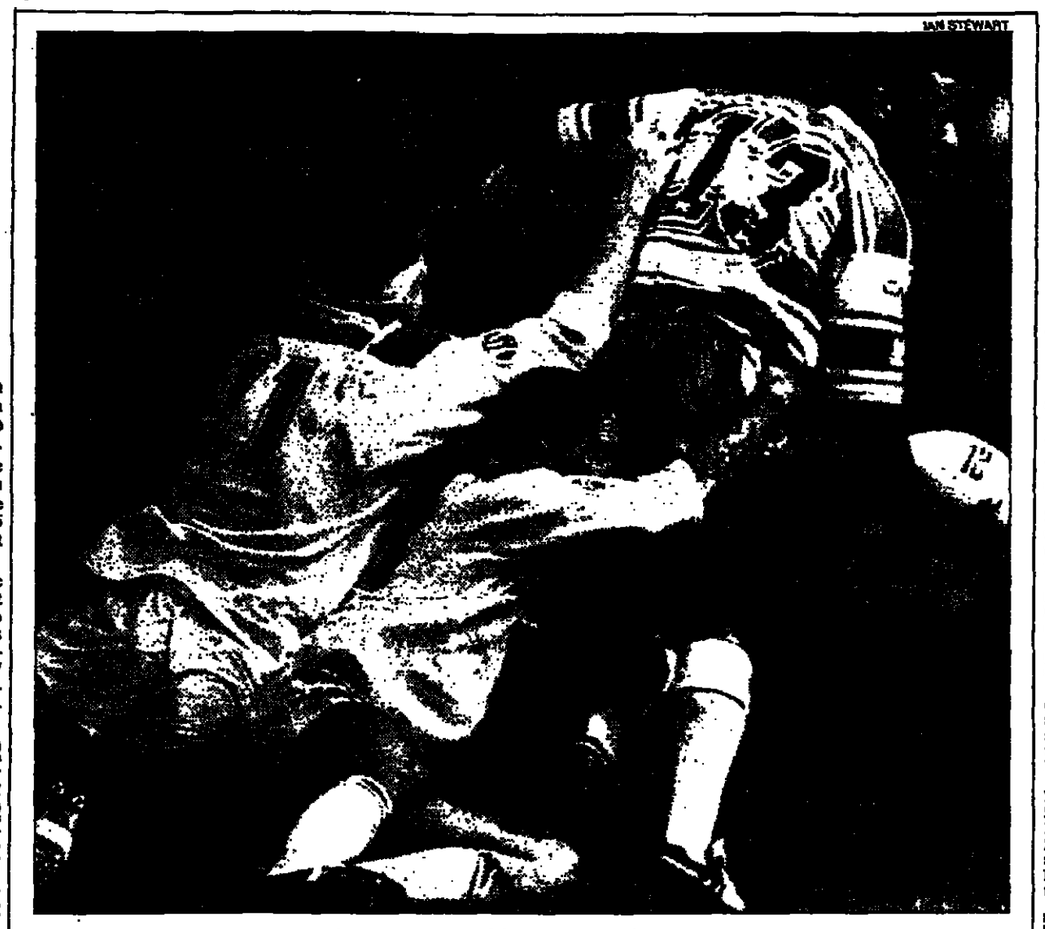
Parrott, twice the European Open winner, said: "I want to win a title in this country for myself more than anything else. I am fed up with being a bridesmaid and with people giving me stick.

"I know I can win tournaments, I have done it in Europe and I have done it in the Far East, so there is no reason why I cannot do it here.

"Every time I come to the Crucible people ask me when I'm finally going to win the world title and after the 15 millionth time that question it really begins to grate."

If Parrott is to reach the semi-finals, he must defeat Terry Griffiths, of Wales, who moved into the quarter-finals for the ninth year in succession by recovering from 10-7 down to defeat the first-season professional from Scotland, Alan McManus, 13-12.

RESULTS: Second round: S Hendry (Sco) bt A Robidoux (Can), 13-8. Frame scores (Hendry first): 69-1, 72-20, 48-73, 89-7, 20-101, 44-67, 99-20, 86-1, 97-23, 75-33, 0-75, 102-1, 36-76, 33-76, 82-0, 94-25, 22-114, 18-108, 104-1, 56-16, 139-0. T Griffiths (Wales) bt A McManus (Sco), 13-12. Frame scores (Griffiths first): 13-66, 40-72, 78-25, 70-13, 20-65, 0-137, 69-25, 9-114, 67-18, 84-11, 80-32, 0-72, 34-46, 80-62, 57-38, 21-65, 0-87, 77-29, 82-19, 99-6, 1-81, 108-1, 0-71, 99-6, 61-33. G Wilkinson (Eng) bt M Clark (Eng), 13-9. Frame scores (Clark first): 50-65, 11-64, 35-92, 45-75, 82-12, 31-72, 24-82, 47-73, 58-46, 82-28, 39-53, 66-10, 82-33, 103-14, 19-61, 9-84, 118-11, 80-41, 32-61, 41-65, 103-0, 52-64. J Parrott (Eng) bt A Knowles (Eng), 13-1. Frame scores (Parrott first): 55-62, 78-50, 21-77, 80-16, 92-39, 138-0, 62-34, 73-27, 72-39, 80-62, 66-23, 136-0, 101-11, 89-29, S James (Eng) leads D Reynolds (Eng), 5-3. Frame scores (Reynolds first): 32-66, 5-83, 85-62, 67-60, 15-104, 91-23, 36-75, 12-75. J White (Eng) and N Foulds (Eng) level at 4-4. Frame scores (White first): 84-21, 83-31, 69-48, 20-69, 7-118, 99-21, 0-86, 25-71.



IAN STEWART

Saints at the feet of the king: a despairing attempt by St Helens to pull down Hanley

Wigan out to establish pedigree

St Helens	8
Wigan	13

By KEITH MACKLIN

BY THE time St Helens realised that Wigan were not supermen and that even consumate professionals could be shaken, they were too far behind with too little time to go in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup final at Wembley on Saturday.

Wigan proved another aspect of their professionalism, as they hung on and held out against a storm of desperate attacks. Wigan seemed in those tense closing minutes startled at the ferocity and power of the challenge from men who had fumbled and bumbled to make the first half a re-run of that 1989 horror show, *The St Helens Wembley Videotape*.

From a comfortable Wigan stroll at 13-0, it suddenly became a critical 13-8, but time ran out with Saints back where they had started, losing possession in their own 22. However, they had transformed the drab humiliation of 1989 into the exciting might-have-beens of 1991 with a fiery 30 minutes when it all came together, and the final exploded into a contest. Wigan survived, even though Hanley's hamstring injury reduced him to half pace, leaving the Gregory to take over at the tiller while Hanley exercised his leadership.

After the game, there was a note of relief as well as triumph in the voice of the Wigan coach, John Monie, when he hugged player after player. "They showed great courage" Monie said. "We knew St Helens would put up a fight"

There was no sign of that fight in a disastrous first half in which the Saints presented Wigan with 12 points in the opening 12 minutes, and spent the remainder of the half wandering about like lost sheep and knocking on the simplest of passes.

Wigan started with all confidence that springs naturally to League champions who are looking for a record fourth consecutive Challenge Cup success. Saints gave them a penalty goal to Botica for dissent. Then came the first action replay of two years ago, as Veivers spilled the ball in a crash tackle by Edwards and Iro swept it up to send over Myers.

The man of the match, Betts, brushed aside tissue-paper tackling and set up Botica for a try in the left hand corner. The New Zealander banged over a goal and already the match was over. Or so we thought. Somehow the struggling Saints survived to the interval without conceding further points.

Early in the second half, Gregory dropped a goal to make it 13-0. But suddenly it all changed. Cooper began to swerve and weave and find gaps in the Wigan defence. Ward and Mann became like tanks, blasting through tackles.

Wigan lost possession near their own line and Griffiths's long pass sent in Hunte, Bishop landing a great goal. With the Saints' fans roused at last from torpor to a frenzy, Bishop kicked a penalty when Edwards transgressed. It was 13-8 and the game was in its last quarter.

Alas for Saints, their storm blew itself out as Wigan regathered their wits and forces. Now we must look forward to a Wigan match with the Australian champions to establish once and for all the pedigree of this great side.

SCORERS: St Helens: Try: Hunte. Goals: Bishop (2). Wigan: Tries: Myers, Botica. Goals: Botica (2). Dropped goal: Gregory

ST HELENS: P Veivers (sub: G Connolly); A Hunte, T Ropati, P Loughlin (sub: P Veivers), L Quirk; J Griffiths, P Bishop, J Neil (sub. P Groves), B Dwyer, K Ward, J Harrison, G Mann, S Cooper

WIGAN: S Hampson; D Myers, K Iro, D Bell, F Botica; S Edwards, A Gregory; I Lucas (sub: P Clarke), M Dermott (sub: R Goulding), A Platt, D Betts, P Clarke (sub A Goodwin), E Hanley.

Referee: J Smith (Halifax).

HOCKEY

England caught in second half

Spain	2
England	1

FROM SYDNEY FRISKIN IN MADRID

ENGLAND'S fortunes in the six nations tournament dwindled after the bright start here yesterday and they were eventually beaten by Spain, who took third place after a hard fight. The tournament winners were Australia, who recovered to beat Germany 2-1 in the final.

There was life in England's approach, particularly in the first half, but they paid the price in the end for not consolidating their lead.

After surviving a short corner, England broke free and put the Spanish defence in disarray, thus enabling Mayer to scoop the ball into an empty net in the eleventh minute.

Everything seemed to be going well for England until the tenth minute of the second half when Spain earned a short corner, Faulkner being unable to take a foot away from the ball as it was turned on to him inside the circle. From this, a wary Iglesias scored with a scoop into the net.

England searched diligently for a goal which somehow eluded them. The Spaniards turned on the pressure in the 53rd minute and Rowlands was involved in a scramble near a post. The ball drifted to Maurino, who took a quick shot to see the ball roll over the line with Rowlands trying unavailingly to retrieve.

In the process of trying to save the game, England squandered several short corners but many of their shots were saved by the Spanish goalkeeper.

England are in the same group as Spain in the European Cup to be played in Paris from June 12 to 23. By that time Spain will have brought back their best player, Ignacio Escude, at present on his honeymoon in Egypt.

In the final, Becker gave Germany a nineteenth-minute lead but Stacy, from a short corner, and Davies replied for Australia in the 62nd and 69th minutes respectively.

The Australians had to fight for their place in the final by beating Spain on penalty strokes on Saturday. The play-off for fifth place yesterday between Pakistan and Argentina ended in a 2-2 draw, Pakistan taking precedence on penalty strokes.

SPAIN: S Grau; J Malgosa, S Arnat, J Aviles, J Maurino, I Iglesias, J Dinares, X Escude, J Cases, P Lleo, P Garcia.

ENGLAND: S Rowlands; D Faulkner, J Hails, J Potter, J Lesiet, M Grimley, C Mayer (sub: N Thompson), R Garcia (sub: J Shaw), D Williams, P Nail (sub: S Nicklin), S Karly.

Umpires: R Rideout (Australia) and Mohammad Bali (Pakistan).

RESULTS: Pool A: Germany 2, Pakistan 1. Placings: 1, Germany; 2, England; 3, Pakistan. Pool B: Argentina 0, Spain 2. Placings: 1, Australia; 2, Spain; 3, Argentina. Fifth places: Pakistan 2, Argentina 2 (Pakistan won 3-0 on penalty strokes). Third: Spain 2, England 1. Final: Australia 2, Germany 1. Final placings: 1, Australia; 2, Germany; 3, Spain; 4, England; 5, Pakistan; 6, Argentina.

SQUASH RACKETS

Scots take first club title

By COLIN MCQUILLAN

BRIDGE of Allan narrowly defeated Bristol Lawn Tennis and Squash Club yesterday in the final of the Adidas Fragrance national club championship, so becoming the first Scottish side to lift the men's title since its inception in 1969.

It was a disappointing weekend for the Bristol club. They reached the women's final also, but lost 4-1 to an Edgbaston Priory squad led by Rebecca Poole, the England No. 17, and Kim Kelly, the national racketball champion.

The men's title was delicately poised with wins for Bridge of Allan from the Yarrow brothers, Costas and Jason, when Stuart Licudi took the court for the deciding rubber against Peter Ward, whose Bristol team had needed a fighting fourth-string win from Russell Cusack on Saturday to squeeze past Southgate in the semi-finals. Licudi sensed early that Ward's extra pounds were leading to increasingly ponderous movement forward. A switch to drops and angles into the front court brought him victory in straight games.

RESULTS: Women: Semi-finals: Edgbaston Priory 5, Bromley Town 0; Bristol LTSC 4, Durham 1. Final: Edgbaston Priory 4 Bristol LTSC 1. Individual scores (Edgbaston first): R Poole bt A Sendall 9-3, 3-9, 9-4, 9-0; K Read lost to A Manley 1-9, 9-7, 9-7, 2-9, 3-9; K Kelly bt J Illingworth 9-5, 9-6, 9-2; S Sparrow bt J Ellis 9-3, 9-1, 9-5; M Gatherer bt S Aldcroft 7-9, 10-8, 9-0, 9-5. Men: Semi-finals: Bridge of Allan 4, Caversham 1. Bristol LTSC 3, Southgate 2. Final: Bridge of Allan 3, Bristol LTSC 2.

BOWLS

Thomson claims a second crown

By DAVID RHYS JONES

ANDY Thomson, fresh from his triumph in the United Kingdom indoor singles championship, at Carlisle, yesterday won the Sun Life English Bowls Players' Association singles title at Wellingborough by beating the holder, Steve Halmai, of Paddington, 7-2, 7-6.

Four internationals – David Bryant, David Holt, Mel Buggs and Martyn Sekjer – fell at the first hurdle, and the former EBPA champion, Ron Keating, of Plymouth Civil Service, lost to Halmai in a closely-contested quarter-final.

Terry James, a highly-rated but uncapped player from Rushden, promised much as he beat Sekjer in a first round match of high quality before brushing aside the Peter Pull, of East Dorset.

He like most players these days, was no match for Thomson, who allowed hum just one single in their brief semi-final, while Halmai beat Hartlepool's Dave Carter in straight sets.

Carter's club colleagues, Amy Mellanby, Ray Mason and Cliff Simpson, lost to Katherine Hawes, Howard Watts and Gary Harrington of Isis, Oxford, in the final of the Torquay Leisure Hotels United Kingdom mixed triples championship

RESULTS. Eighth-finals: N Jones (East Dorset) bt M Horsman (British Caledonian) 3, 7-2; D Carter (Hartlepool) bt S Burton (Darlington) 3-7, 7-6, 7-5; A Thompson (Cyphers) bt C Bryan (Barking) 7-6, 7-5; S Halmai (Paddington) bt M Entwistle (City of Ely) 11-7, 7-2, 7-5; M Allen (Wellingborough) bt D J Bryant (Clevedon) 7-2, 7-4; T James (Rushden) bt M Sekjer (Cyphers) 7-5, 4-7, 7-1; P Pull (East Dorset) bt D Holt (Blackpool Borough) 7-0, 7-5; R Keating (Plymouth Civil Service) bt M Biggs (Thamesdown) 7-5, 1-7, 7-5. Quarter-finals: James bt Pull 5-7, 7-2, 2-1; Thomson bt Jones 4-7, 7-0, 7-0; Carter bt Allen 7-1, 5-7, 7-3; Halmai bt Keating 7-5, 2-7, 7-5. Semi-finals: Thomson bt James 7-0, 1-7, 1-0; Halmai bt Carter 7-5, 7-6. Final: Thomson bt Halmai 7-2, 7-6

IN BRIEF

Defeat for Spitz

MARK Spitz, the Olympic swimming legend trying to make a comeback, lost the second of his races, this time over 50 metres butterfly to Matt Biondi at Mission Viejo, California.

Biondi finished two seconds clear of the 41-year-old Spitz in 24.51sec. Two weeks ago, Tom Jager beat him in the freestyle by the same margin.

BOXING: South Africa plans to stage its first world title bout for five years at Sun City on June 15 featuring Welcome Ncita, the IBF super-bantamweight champion, against an opponent yet to be named.

TRIATHLON: Mike Pigg ended the 20-event winning streak of his fellow American, Mark Allen, by taking the World Cup title at Surfers Paradise, Australia. Pigg finished 91 seconds in front.

LACROSSE: Centaurs, the Isleworth-based women's club, beat Pendley 3-0 to win the All England Clubs and Colleges trophy at Cobham, Surrey.

GYMNASTICS: Katherine Everett, a last-minute replacement for Britain, won the bronze medal at the *Daily Mirror* Champions Ball tournament at Birmingham. Two Soviets, Yelena Sazonenka and Yevgeniy Nikolayev, scored a double victory.

REAL TENNIS: Julian Snow, world No. 1 amateur, reached the final of the George Wimpey British amateur championship by defeating Ivan Snell in straight sets.

TABLE TENNIS

Prean's dual loss ends team hopes

By RICHARD EATON

DESPITE a solid win for the former World Cup winner, Chen Xinhua, the England men's medal challenge evaporated with a 3-1 defeat, in the last 16 of the world championships, to the Czechoslovaks in Chiba, Japan yesterday. They had been aiming to progress further, but two losses by the national champion, Carl Prean, effectively ended their chances.

Prean was beaten in three games both by the Czech No. 1, Tomas Janci, and by Roland Vimi, a talented close-to-the-table attacker but with limited international experience. Earlier Chen, who had only been asked to play one singles match by the England captain, Donald Parker, had started off with a 21-16, 21-12 win over Vimi, although again the men's doubles was a disappointment.

The women also lost, on Saturday, in the last 16 to France and play-off for places 13 to 16, while the men play-off for places nine to 16.

The German coach, Zatko Cordas, has been banned from the rest of the world championships after orchestrating a walk-out on Saturday during his team's group qualifying match against China.

Cordas alleged there had been ducking and diving by his opponents to attempt to secure a more favourable draw at the knock-out stage. This draw has produced three of the strongest teams, China, the title holders, Sweden and Korea in the same half.

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

WORLD LEAGUE: Frankfurt Galaxy 17, Montreal Machine 7; New York-New Jersey Knights 42, Orlando Thunder 6; Barcelona Dragons 28, Sacramento 20.

ATHLETICS

SUTTON PARK, Birmingham: National 12-stage road relay championship: 1, Tipton Harriers, 4hr (34min 13sec; 2, Shaftesbury Barnet, 4:05.57; 3, Swansea Harriers, 4:05.17; 4, Coventry Godiva, 4:06.39; 5, Aldershot and Farnham, 4:09.01; 6, Sale Harriers, 4:09.19. Fastest three mile stage: P Hollingsworth (Notts), 13:55. Fastest six mile stage: E Martin (Basildon), 25:03

CRYSTAL PALACE: Commercial Union UAU championships: Men (runners only): 100m: T Hooper (Loughborough), 11.06sec; 10,000m: L McKevitt (Birmingham), 31:41.20. 4 x 100m relay: Loughborough, 42.62. Hammer: M Purnell (East Anglian), 33.19m. Shot put: R Ingenbleek (East Anglian), 14.18m. Discus: Ingenbleek, 44.08m. Women: 100m: A Brooke (Loughborough), 12.58. 4 x 100m relay: Loughborough, 48.42. High jump: L Edwards (Loughborough), 1.65m. Javelin: K Rowland (Birmingham), 43.86m.

MANCHESTER (Five miles): 1, D Gibbon (Salford H), 24min 52sec, 2, K Woodhouse (Salford H), 24.58, 3, P Pelow-Hall (Altrincham), (Prestatyn AC), 24.58, 3, P Pelow-Hall (Altrincham), 24:59. Women's winner: A Pugh (Altrincham), 29:41

GOYT VALLEY, Derbyshire: Shining Tor fell run (6½ miles): 1, W Brindle (Horwich RMI), 43:00; 2, D Thomas (Mercian), 43:12; 3, S Walmsley (Mercian), 45:16. Women: B Manley (Macclesfield H), 56:53

RIBBLESDALE, YORKSHIRE: Three peak race (24 miles): Men: 1, I Ferguson (Bingley), 2hr 51min 41sec (course record). 2, A Trigg (Glossopdale), 2hr 55min 46sec; 3, A Hauser (Glossopdale), 2hr 55min 46sec; 3, A Hauser (Holmfirth), 2:59.14; 4, G Schofield (Blackburn), 3:02.43; 5, B Padgett (Bingley), veteran, 3:01.50; 6, B Padgett (Bingley), 3:03.33. Men's team: 1, I Holmes (Bingley), 3:03.33. Men's team: Bingley (1, 5, 6), 12pts. Women: 1, S Rowell (Leeds City), 3.16.39 (course record), 20sec overall; 2, C Cook (Clayton), 3:27.41 (45th); 3, W Dodds (Clayton), 3:37.40.

JAVA: Borobudur 10km race: Men: 1, A Abebe (Eth), 27min 43sec; 2, C Kelee (Eri), 28.19. Women's section: 1, S Sims (Ken), 31.43; 2, E McColgan (GB), 31.48; 3, K Ullrich (Ger), 31.53.

BASEBALL

NORTH AMERICA: American League: Friday: Milwaukee Brewers 5, Baltimore Orioles 4; Toronto Blue Jays 5, Detroit Tigers 4, New York Yankees 8, Chicago White Sox 2; Minnesota Twins 6, Seattle Mariners 0; Kansas City Royals 5, Boston Red Sox 3; Cleveland Indians 5, Texas Rangers 2. Oakland Athletics v California Angels 1. Saturday: Minnesota Twins 7, Seattle Mariners 2, Detroit Tigers 4, Toronto Blue Jays 2; Boston Red Sox 8, Kansas City Royals 4; Chicago White Sox 4, New York Yankees 3; Texas Rangers 4, Cleveland Indians 2; Oakland Athletics 4, California Angels 3. National League: Friday: Cincinnati Reds 3, Chicago Cubs 1; San Diego Padres 4, Philadelphia Phillies 0; New York Mets 2, Pittsburgh Pirates 0; Atlanta Braves 7, Houston Astros 2; St Louis Cardinals 4, Montreal Expos 0. Los Angeles Dodgers 8, San Francisco Giants 0. Saturday: Chicago Cubs 8, Cincinnati Reds 3, Philadelphia Pirates 10, New York Mets 1; Atlanta Braves 2, Phillies 4, San Diego Padres 3; Atlanta Braves 2, Houston Astros 1; St Louis Cardinals 2, Montreal Expos 1; San Francisco Giants 4, Los Angeles Dodgers 3

BASKETBALL

UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA) first-round play-offs: Friday: Boston Celtics 127, Indiana Pacers 120; Atlanta Hawks 103, Detroit Pistons 96; Portland Trail Blazers 110, Seattle Supersonics 102. Saturday: Philadelphia 76ers 116, Milwaukee Bucks 112; Golden State Warriors 111, San Antonio Spurs 98; Los Angeles Lakers 108, Houston Rockets 98; Phoenix Suns 102, Utah Jazz 92.

WORTHING: Carlsberg International Challenge tournament: England 89 (Gordon 30, Bucknall 23), Turkey 78 (Caliskgil 28, Yorukoglu 13); Norway 84 (Bakkelund 19, Holen 12), Denmark 69 (Danielsen 27, Jerichow 16); Denmark 92 (Nielsen 17, Reinholt 11), Turkey 88 (Caliskgil 29, Yorukoglu 18).

BOWLS

CARLISLE: United Kingdom indoor championship: Semi-finals: A Sloan (Eng) bt A Marshall (Scot), 7-5, 0-7, 7-5, 7-6; A Thomson (Eng) bt A Blair (Scot), 6-7, 7-2, 7-4, 7-3. Final: Thomson bt Allcock, 6-7, 4-7, 7-5, 7-2, 7-1.

TORQUAY: UK indoor mixed triples tournament: Quarter-finals: bt (K Hawes, H Watts, G Harrington) bt Peterborough (J Duffy, H Thompson, D Duffy), 18-13; Torbay (J Lee, B Lee, P Bright) bt Erdington Court (M Selvey, T Selvey, D Chalvin), 23-15; Hertlepool (A Mellanby, R Mason, C Simpson) bt Roundwood (C Webb, D Richmond, L Wood), 25-4; Nesserk (H Ward, M Greenamith, M Ward) bt Alfreton, Southampton (W Line, C Daniels, P Line), 24-18. Semi-finals: Isis, Oxford (K Hawes, H Watts, G Harrington) bt Torbay (J Lee, B Lee, P Bright), 28-9; Hertlepool (A Mellanby, R Mason, C Simpson) bt Nesserk (H Ward, M Greenamith, M Ward), 19-13.

BUCKINGHAM: Buckinghamshire Championship: Finals: Singles: K Barber (Stoke Mandeville) 11, G Grace (Handy Cross) 23, Pairs: J Wilson and G Wilson (Bletchley) 13, B Norman and P Jenkins (Stoke) 24. Triples: Handy Cross (G Grace) 19, Bletchley (R Addison) 15. Fours: Stoke (T Hungar) 22, Bletchley (D Lewis) 16.

WELLINGBOROUGH: English Bowls Players National Singles championships: Quarter-finals: A Thomson (Cyphers, Beckenham) bt N Jones (East Dorset), 4-7, 7-0, 7-0; T James (Rushden) bt P Pull (East Dorset), 5-7, 7-2, 7-2; S Helmai (Paddington) bt R Keating (Plymouth CS), 7-5, 2-7, 7-5; D Carter (Hartlepool) bt M Allen (Wellingborough), 7-1, 5-7, 7-3. Semi-finals: Thomson bt James, 7-0, 7-1; Helmai bt Carter, 7-5, 7-6.

MANSFIELD: Simba Home Counties League: Champion of Champions: A Cawdell (Hertfordshire) 21, I Luck (Kent) 11; T Craddock (Hertfordshire) 21, P Vamvacopoulos (Surrey) 20; G Mitchell (Middlesex) 21, J Webb (Oxfordshire) 21; C Brown (Sussex) 8, D Holmes (Kent) 11; C Brown (Sussex) 8, D Holmes (Kent) 11. Semi-finals: Middlesex 20, Hertfordshire 21; 21. Semi-finals: Middlesex 20, Hertfordshire 21; Buckinghamshire 21, Kent 8. Final: Hertfordshire 21, Buckinghamshire 15.

BOXING

PERTH, Australia: Professional contest: Heavyweight: Soviet Union bt Australia, 5-1: Dimitri Eliseev (USSR) bt Dean Waters (Aus), 6th rnd. Super-middleweight: Konstantin Okhrey (USSR) bt Lou Cataro (Aus), 2nd rnd. Light-welter: Shane Riley (Aus) bt Rasia Yezykin (USSR), pts.

RALEIGH, North Carolina: IBC junior heavyweight title: James "Bonecrusher" Smith (US) bt Rencho Carter (US), 1st rnd.

MASAN, South Korea: WBA junior-flyweight title: Yuh Myung-woo (S Kor) bt Kajkong Danphoothai (Thai), rsc 10th rnd.

CYCLING

MAASTRICHT, Netherlands: 28th edition of Amstel Gold cycle race (264km): 1, F Maassen (Neth) 6hr 4min 46sec; 2, M Fonpfleet (D); 3, D de Wolf (Bel), both same time as Maassen; 4, T Laurent (Fr), 10sec behind; 5, E Vandaesandon (Bel), 16sec; 6, O Ludwig (Ger). World Cup standings (after five rounds): 1, R Sorensen (Den), 39pts; 2, E van Hooydonck (Bel), 38; 3, Bomans, 40; 4, Maassen, 44; 5, Jalabert, 43; 6, de Wolf, 41.

ROAD RACES: CC Abergavenny 870-km handicap (Cefn Tilla): 1, S Jones (RAF) Coventry, 1:49:23; 2, B Luckwell (PCA), 1:46.57; 3, S Joughin (N.U.), same time. Final series placings: 1, Luckwell, 20pts; 2, Joughin, 23; 3, Jones, 29.

TIME TRIALS: Sydenham Wh (10 miles): 1, J Clements (Raleigh), 20:31; 2, S Marchant (S Eastern RC), 21:22; 3, R Jellaries (De Laune CC), 21:42. Lincoln Wh (10 miles): 1, I Clemmish (Raleigh), 21:30; 2, C Sugden (Sheffield RCC), 22:10; 3 equal, M Pitchford (Scunthorpe Poly CC) and G Cook (Chesterfield Spire), 22:21. Plymouth Corinthians 8-up (25 miles): 1, M Hards (Ivel Ide St Cook (Chesterfield Spire), 58:28; 2, A Lycos and A Ryder (Plymouth Corinthians), 58:32; 3, E Morris and P Williams (Compostella), 58:33. New Brighton CC (25 miles): 1, A Wilkinson (Port Sunlight Wh), 56:32; 2, W Jones (Rhos-on-Sea CC), 57:50; 3, J Snookes (VC Halton), 59:32.

RUGBY UNION

BATH: Worthington sevens: First round: Rosslyn Park 24, Liverpool St Helens 0; Bath 28, London Irish 0; Saracens 18, Rugby 14; Harlequins 24, Gloucester 6; Wasps 24, Moseley 6; Leicester 30, Bristol 4; Wakefield 16, Nottingham 12; Orrell 30, Northampton 12. Second round: Bath 16, Rosslyn Park 8; Harlequins 16, Saracens 12; Leicester 28, Wasps 4; Wakefield 24, Orrell 10. Third round: Bath 10, Harlequins 0; Leicester 18, Wakefield 16. Finals: Bath 24, Leicester 10.

FENCING

IPSWICH: Women's epée World Cup series: Leaders: 1, M Varkonyi (Hun); 2, M Schmitt (Ger) 3, J Lutn, (Ger); 4, H Funkenhauser, (Ger); 5, M Horvath, (Hun); 6, A Straub (Switz). Selected British placing: P Tomlinson, 12th. Final placings: 1, G Straby (Hun); 2, M Hautanville (Fr); 3, M Varkonyi (Hun). Top Briton: 19, P Tomlinson.

FOOTBALL

AFRICAN NATIONS CUP: Tanzania 1, Zaire 0; Uganda 0, Gabon 0; Nigeria 3, Benin 0.

TABLE TENNIS

CHIBA, Japan: World championships: Fourth day: Men's team event: First knockout stage: Korea bt United States, 3-0, Czechoslovakia bt England 3-1, Belgium bt Soviet Union, 3-1. First knockout stage: Final round: China bt Japan, 3-0; Yugoslavia bt Austria, 3-0; Sweden bt France, 3-1; Germany bt Italy, 3-1; Canada bt Poland, 3-2. Women's team event: Final round: First knockout phase: USSR bt Sweden, 3-2; Romania bt Yugoslavia, 3-2; France bt England, 3-1; Czechoslovakia bt Japan, 3-2, Hungary bt Germany, 3-1; Korea bt Denmark, 3-0; Hong Kong bt New Zealand, 3-0; China bt Finland, 3-0. Quarter-finals: China bt Czechoslovakia, 3-0; Hungary bt Romania, 3-1; France bt Hong Kong, 3-1; Korea bt Soviet Union, 3-0. Semi-finals: China bt France, 3-0; Korea 3, Hungary 1.

WINDSURFING

PORTSMOUTH: Lamb's Navy Windsurfing championships: Third round: Heavyweight: 1, B Dandridge; 2, J Hutchinson; 3, P Tyler. Lightweight: 1, M Bart; 2, N Keating; 3, P Lambert. Women: 1, P Tyler; 2, A Claydon; 3, R Evans.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Second-round Stanley Cup play-offs: Friday: Norris division: Finals: St Louis Blues 4, Minnesota North Stars 2. Smythe division: Finals: Los Angeles Kings 4, Edmonton Oilers 2. Saturday: Adams division: Finals: Montreal Canadiens 3, Boston Bruins 2. Patrick division: Finals: Pittsburgh Penguins 4, Washington Capitals 1

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (in Finland): Turku: Soviet Union 6, Czechoslovakia 2; United States 2, Finland 1. Tampere: Finland 6, Switzerland 1: Switzerland bt Germany, 5-2.

LACROSSE

COBHAM, SURREY: All England Women's Clubs and Colleges trophy: Saturday: Semi-finals: Centaurs 3, Edinburgh 2; Pendley 2, Chelsea 0. Final: Centaurs 3, Pendley 0. Yesterday: Semi-finals: Edinburgh 5, Guildford 8; Beckenham 1, Harpenden 2 (aet). Final: Guildford 2, Harpenden 5.

MODERN PENTATHLON

CROYDON: Seaforces triathlon: Men: Open: A Wilkin (Seaforces), 2,985pts. Vet: B Wilson (Dartford), 3,247. Under-18: R Cole (Epping Forest), 2,910. Team: Dartford, 8,306. Women: Open: L Edwards (Seaforces), 2,782. Team: Seaforces, 7,054. Vet: R Green (Dartford), 2,436. Under-16: S Mathews (White Oak), 2,884. Team: Dartford, 7,376

RALLYING

AJACCIO, Corsica: Tour of Corsica rally: Leading standings (after the opening four stages on the first day): 1, A Schwarz (Ger), Toyota Celica, 45min 58secs; 2, F Delecour (Fr), Ford Sierra, 12sec behind; 3, C Sainz (Sp), Toyota Celica, 15; 4, D Auriol (Fr), Lancia Integrale, 39; 5, G Cuneo (It), Ford Sierra, 45; 6, M Duez (Bel), Toyota Celica, 50

GOLF

GREENSBORO, North Carolina: Greater Greensboro Open: Leading third-round scores (US unless stated): 204: D Waddell, 71, 70, 63. B Wolcott, 67, 69, 68. 206: J Sluman, 69, 67, 70; L Wadkins, 69, 65, 72; G Sauers, 70, 64, 72. 208: P Stewart, 68, 69, 70. 209: D Love III, 75, 67, 67, R Gamez, 74, 66, 69; M Hubert, 70, 70, 69; B Britton, 70, 70, 69; E Dougherty, 71, 69, 69. 210: L Roberts, 71, 71, 68. C Beck, 72, 69, 69; K Triplett, 69, 72, 69. J Ross, 71, 67, 72. 211: M Donald, 71, 71, 68. J Haeltzel, 74, 69, 68. D Hart, 71, 70, 70; M Brooks, 71, 70, 70; B McCallister, 70, 71, 70; W Wood, 70, 70, 71

INAMACHI, Japan: Men's tournament: Leading final scores (Japanese unless stated): 272: B Mackay (Aus), 69, 67, 68, 68. 274: T Sugihara, 75, 67, 67, 65. 276: S Ballesteros (Sp), 70, 69, 70, 66. 278: H Kase, 71, 68, 67, 70; N Ozaki, 71, 66, 68, 72; H Shigenobu, 70, 66, 68, 72. 277: R Kawagishi, 73, 69, 66, 70; M Kuramoto, 71, 66, 69, 71. 278: C Tze-chung (Taiwan) 69, 71, 67, 71. 279: M Kimura, 72, 67, 69, 71. R Gibson (Can), 73, 69, 72, 66

Asian Circuit: Final standings: 1, R Gibson (Can), 866pts; 2, C Liang-hsi (Taiwan), 692; 3, Chen Tze-chung (Taiwan) and G Norquist (US), 648; 4, D Pudiston (US), 525; 5, C Sang-ho (S Kor), 407; 6, S Ferrnce, (US), 400; 6, H Chin-sheng (Taiwan), 400

CAIRNS, Australia: Dalkyo Challenge women's championship: Leading final scores: 219: J Sevil (Aus), 74, 70, 74. 219: J Crafter (Aus), 73, 75, 71. 220: S Smyers, (Aus), 75, 73, 72. 223: K Peters (US), 71, 74, 78. 224: J Geddes (US), 75, 73, 76. A Fukushara (Japan), 78, 72, 74. 225: C Kapgil (US), 77, 74, 74. 226: J Inkster (US), 74, 78, 74. A Hashimoto (Japan), 76, 72, 76. 227: K Lunn (Aus), 77, 76, 74. 228: M Lunn, (Aus), 78, 77, 73. L Wall (US), 78, 77, 73. W Dooley (Aus), 73, 79, 76. L DeFrisco (US), 76, 75, 77. 229: L Miles (US), 77, 78, 74

PARIS: Men's tournament: Leading final scores: 276: F Couples (US), 65, 67, 67, 68. 278: J Cooke (US), 69, 69, 67, 63. 280: R Teay (US), 71, 66, 66, 68. 274: D Frost (SA), 71, 70, 66, 64, B Tennyson (US), 67, 70, 69, 68. 275: S Simpson (US), 69, 65, 69, 72

HOCKEY

CARMARTHEN: Home Countries Under-21 women's tournament: Wales 0, England 2; Scotland 1, Ireland 1, England 4, Scotland 0; Wales 0, Ireland 1; Wales 3, Scotland 2; Ireland 1, England 1. Final positions: 1, England, 5pts; 2, Ireland, 4, 3, Wales, 2; 4, Scotland, 1

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Midlands: Derbyshire 0, Warwickshire 2; Worcestershire 4, Shropshire 2; Leicestershire 0, Nottinghamshire 6; Staffordshire 5, Northamptonshire 1. North: Cheshire 3, Durham 3, Cumbria 0, Lancashire 6; Northumberland 0, Yorkshire 2. South: Hampshire 0, Surrey 2; Sussex 2, Buckinghamshire 4 West: Devon 12, Cornwall 2; Dorset 8, Wiltshire 0; Cornwall 0, Somerset 11, Wiltshire 0, Devon 2.

SHOOTING

SENNELAGER: Team competition: 1, Great Britain, 8,719; 2, Continental Europe, 8,151. Top individuals (all GB): 1, D Coleman, 436. 2, J Thompson, 431; 3, J Warburton, 429.

BISLEY: Purples Trophy (300, 500 and 600yrds): 1, London and Middlesex, 1164 117 (A Harrison, 389 19). 2, Surrey, 1152.117 (D Armstrong, 147.20); 3, Hertfordshire, 1151 126 (S Thomas, 148.21). Other Bisley team matches (600 and 800yrds): 1, RAF TRC "A", 1142 (K Trowb

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SPORT

Taylor turns to Lineker for an England lead

By STUART JONES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

GARY Lineker was yesterday rightly and properly reinstated as the captain of England. Graham Taylor, who had invited speculation by declining to reveal the identity of Bryan Robson's successor, ended it before the squad left for Izmir where the European championship qualifying tie against Turkey will be staged on Wednesday.

It had been thought that Taylor, having accelerated the process of evolution by dropping Beardsley and Waddle as well as Robson, might officially mark the new era by appointing a fresh leader. Pearce, Mark Wright and particularly Platt were regarded as the prime candidates.

But Taylor explained that he delayed only because he needed to seek reassurances about Lineker's present state of health. After the last qualifying tie, against the Republic of Ireland last month, he had complained of fatigue and was allowed by Tottenham Hotspur to go to Tenerife for a brief rest.

"It was important to speak to him personally and not on the phone," Taylor said. "I was concerned because I can't afford the England captain to be tired. His break was no good to me because I can't recover the game against the Irish." The 1-1 draw represented a point dropped.

"When I made Lineker captain when I first took over, I said that we would take it as it comes. When Bryan came back, I felt that it was right that he should be captain.

"Once the squad has been selected without Bryan, the position reverts to Gary. But I had to substitute him in the last game and I can't take the captain off."

Taylor indicated that he will expect Lineker to assume the same leadership qualities as his predecessor. "He has to give a lead. I've no qualms about his goalscoring ability but he has a responsibility as the captain to keep going when he's tired. Otherwise other players will see that and say if he's tired, then so am I."

Lineker himself explained the reasons for his weariness. "I think the tiredness came because I played through the World Cup and didn't get a break. It started to catch up on me at Christmas and it gradually got worse until I had to do something about it.

"I've been speaking to Terry Venables about it for a long time and I've also mentioned it once to Graham Taylor. I was questioning my own motivation but I've never had a problem with that before.

"Against Ireland, when the adrenalin was flowing, it proved to me that I was still physically tired after making runs. I know it affected my performance and that made my mind up that I was physically not right."

Lineker, aware of the speculation concerning the captaincy, was relieved to have been offered the honour again.

"I've enjoyed being captain in the games before and the manager explained that when Bryan was back, he'd take over. It would have felt odd if I'd stayed as captain and Bryan was there behind me. If he comes back again, I'd expect him to be the skipper."

Mabbutt has been promoted to a senior squad of 23 because a sore shoulder has prevented Parker from training. Neither Barnes nor Dixon have taken an active role in practice but they are expected to be available.

Gascoigne's status hazy

WHILE Terry Venables, the Tottenham Hotspur manager, considers an injunction to hold up any sale of Paul Gascoigne to Lazio, the Italian club, for £7.5 million, supporters await a statement expected this week clarifying the situation (Dennis Signy writes).

There has been no official confirmation of a deal from Tottenham or Lazio since Nat Solomon, the chairman of the public company, travelled to Rome last week for talks. Mel Stein, one of Gascoigne's advisers, who also went to Rome, said at the weekend that nothing had been signed.

Both Venables, who does not think a move to Lazio would be right for Gascoigne, and Stein say a final decision on a transfer would be left to the England midfield player. Venables also wants "breathing space" for his consortium to find the £10 million-plus that Tottenham owe the Midland Bank.

It seems certain that Gascoigne will be a Tottenham player at least until after the FA Cup final against Nottingham Forest at Wembley on May 18.

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Wasps attack: Blaisdell, of Durham, moves in to threaten the Pirates goal, but finds his opponents standing by to repel boardersat Wembley

Wasps complete a dream season

By NORMAN DE MESQUITA

DURHAM Wasps completed what their leading scorer, Rick Brebant, described as "a dream season" with a 7-4 victory over Peterborough Pirates in the final of the Heineken ice hockey championships at Wembley yesterday.

The omens were not good, and the game was delayed for more than half an hour because the Durham dressing room had been broken into and sticks broken, skates filed down and jerseys soaked.

Paul Smith, the Wasps player-coach, said that it obviously upset them, but the organisers of the Wembley weekend could not have been more helpful and they also received skate grinding assistance from their opponents so that the delay was no longer than it had to be.

When the game started, Peterborough took only 74 seconds to score and one wondered if the disruption in the dressing room would affect the Wasps, who were pre-game favourites.

By the end of the first period, they led 2-1, and were 4-1 ahead five minutes into the second. The teams shared two goals during the second half of the period and Durham led 5-2 at the second interval.

Midway through the final period, Peterborough were within one and Durham were looking decidedly edgy. However, goals by Anthony Payne and Ivor Bennett in the final four minutes secured the win for Durham, and the fact that it was their second line that scored the all-important goals emphasized their greater depth of talent.

Paul Smith described the win as the "best moment of my career", and he felt that the fact that the majority of the crowd, or at least all those who were not Durham supporters, wanted them to lose gave them an added inceutive.

The scoreline does not truly represent the closeness of the game and as Mike O'Connor, the Durham captain, said: "We have had trouble with Peterbrough all year, and every game except one has been close.

"The only one in which we beat them easily was the televised game in which they were unlucky to suffer some injuries, particularly to Danny Shea, who was unable to play after the first period."

The question must be, where do Wasps go from here? "We are anxious to keep the team together as we feel we have the right blend of imports and home bred players," Smith said. "We could well be icing three forward lines next year, as all our junior teams in the various age groups finished at or near the top of their leagues."

RESULTS: Semi-finals: Peterborough 7, Cardiff Devils 4; Durham Wasps 11, Murrayfield Racers 8. Final: Durham Wasps 7, Peterborough Pirates 4.

Richards rules in a cold climate

From JOHN WOODCOCK IN ANTIGUA

THE cricket officials of West Indies and Australia are behaving rather as they might have done had they been on opposite sides in the Cold War. Although they flew from Barbados together last Friday and have been in regular social contact since, until yesterday they had got no further than to exchange faxes over Vivian Richards's verbal mugging of Bobby Simpson, Australia's coach, after the Bridgetown Test match.

In the first of these, the West Indians passed on Richards's regrets at any embarrassment caused. This was not good enough for the Australians, who did not think appropriate action had been taken, and considered the matter to be "urgent and serious".

Yesterday morning, the two sides at last got round to talking things over — but without the West Indians being able to satisfy their opposite numbers that they disassociated themselves from Richards's remarks.

Richards is a law unto himself. Even if the West Indians did feel it right that he should be removed from the captaincy of the team to tour England, I doubt whether they would think it politic to act, especially during a Test match in his native island.

They have let him get away with so much for so long that not until he has retired are they likely to put their house in order. Perhaps, too, the Australians should be on their guard against appearing just a touch self-righteous. When it comes to abuse on the field, they have nothing left to learn.

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Becker is forced to wait

From ANDREW LONGMORE
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BORIS Becker's quest for a first clay-court title will continue today after heavy rain washed away all but 44 minutes of the final at the Monte Carlo Open yesterday. Becker was serving for the set at 5-4 against Sergi Bruguera, of Spain, when the rain which had threatened for much of the day — and much of the week, to be honest — finally fell with a vengeance on the Monte Carlo Country Club.

Understandably, Becker, who had squandered three set points, wanted to get the deed over and done with in the day, but by the time the skies had cleared, the crowd had long since abandoned the struggle and the millionaire's yacht ostentatiously parked in the bay had sailed away, presumably to find sunnier climes.

The "rain stopped play for the day" sign was dusted down from 1981, when the final between Jimmy Connors and Guillermo Vilas, which was delayed at 5-5 in the first set, was never finished because the players had other commitments. Before the rain came, Luke Jensen and Laurie Warder won the doubles title, a result provoking idle interest because Jensen plays with both hands. Yesterday, he served left-handed and played right-handed.

England strength delights Ransom

By NICHOLAS HARLING

THE improvement was so radical that Dave Ransom could hardly contain himself after England had made sure of winning the four-nation Carlsberg International Challenge tournament.

The coach was "ecstatic" after the 89-78 victory over Turkey at Worthing on Saturday that confirmed England's success before last night's game against Norway. Gone was the mid-match lapse that had disfigured the 95-77 win over Denmark at Kingston the night before. "We stuck to our game plan this time," Ransom said. "We were stronger for longer. We exploited our athleticism and our quickness."

No two players responded to Ransom's demands more than the Kingston pair, Trevor Gordon and Alton Byrd. Many of Gordon's 30 points came with assists from Byrd, whose passing prevented the Turks from capitalising on an early daunting supremacy.

Oyguc's presence under the boards and the marksmanship of Cakirgil were factors which England could never ignore. But with Gordon excelling as never before, Steve Bucknall matching his 23 points of the previous evening and Peter Scantlebury succeeding with all his five shots, England's experienced players maintained control, permitting no sentiment from Ransom.

With the lead an unassailable 69-49, Mark Scott might have expected his first call to represent his country. But like Leo Rogers, he sat on the bench throughout in front of his home crowd.

Bath take the honours

BATH, the league champions, added the Worthington sevens title to their honours at the first time of asking yesterday (David Hands writes). On their own ground, they beat Leicester 24-10 in the final, Gareth Adams, the former England schools captain, proving the unlikely hero with two well-taken tries.

Tony Underwood brought his try tally to seven with Leicester's two but the lack of a genuine ball-winning forward proved too much of a handicap.

BATH: A Luxeden, P de Glanville, J Callard, I Sanders; M Hoag, G Adams, S Ojomoh (rep: J Fallon).
LEICESTER: T Underwood, R Underwood, J Liley, J Hamilton; J Wells, N Back, C Chadwick.
Referee: E Morrison (Gloucestershire).

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Senna avoids mayhem as storm disrupts start

From NORMAN HOWELL IN IMOLA, ITALY

AYRTON Senna won the San Marino grand prix yesterday after a sudden thunderstorm had disrupted the start and caused Alain Prost, Nigel Mansell, and Nelson Piquet, three of the most experienced drivers, to spin off the track and into an early retirement.

Senna's McLaren teammate, Gerhard Berger, was second, with J. J. Lehto, of the Dallara team, third for his first world championship points. The British Lotus team had both cars in the top six: Mika Hakkinen, of Finland, was fifth, and Julian Bailey, of Britain, sixth for their first points. And it was a good day for Brabham, as Martin Brundle and Mark Blundell brought their cars home in one piece.

Senna, the Brazilian world champion, has won the first three grands prix this season but he admitted that his oil pressure warning light had come on from the halfway mark and he had had to reduce the revs and nurse the car to victory.

It was 15 minutes before the start, with the cars already on the grid, that the heavens opened at the Autodromo Enzo and Dino Ferrari, causing mayhem.

During the warm-up lap, first Prost, then Berger went into spins. The Austrian's car stayed on the tarmac but the Frenchman's did not. It stalled and was unable to return to the pits in time for the start.

At the green light, a cloud of spray hid the cars from view. It had barely cleared before Mansell and Piquet had become victims of the conditions.

Mansell, deeply disappointed because he had been hoping for a repeat of his pugnacious race against Senna in Brazil a month ago, said later: "I was hit from behind, and that caused my suspension to break, and I also had a punctured tyre. But the start wasn't great because I had gear selection problems and fell back." It transpired that Jean Alesi had nudged the British driver's car in the chaos of the first few seconds.

Alesi himself was forced on to the grass when his Ferrari could not hold its grip. So this grand prix, raced in Ferrari's own backyard, became a disaster for Ferrari.

Patrese, of Williams, had an unlucky race. He led for the first nine laps, then as he slowed to go into the pit lane to change his tyres, the engine misfired and then stopped completely. The Italian lost four laps as the mechanics tried to find the fault. He rejoined the race for another ten laps, posting times as fast as the McLarens of Senna and Berger, before the electrics failed again and he had to retire.

Modena, too, had an impressive outing in his Tyrrell, retiring in the 42nd lap after running third behind Berger and Senna. The Italian driver finally showed some of the potential that many of the sport's insiders have suspected for some time.

DETAILS FROM IMOLA

RESULT: 1, A Senna (Br), McLaren-Honda, 1hr 35min 14.750sec; 2, G Berger (Austria), McLaren-Honda, at 1.675sec; 3, J J Lehto (Fin), Scuderia-Italia-Dallara, at 1 lap; 4, P Martini (It), Minardi-Ferrari, 2 laps; 5, M Hakkinen (Fin), Lotus-Judd, 3 laps; 6, J Bailey (GB), Lotus-Judd, 3 laps; 7, T Boutsen (Bel), Ligier, 3 laps; 8, M Blundell (GB), Brabham-Yamaha, 3 laps; 9, E van de Poele (Bel), Modena, 4 laps; 10, E Comas (Fr), Ligier, 4 laps; 11, M Brundle (GB), Brabham-Yamaha, 4 laps; 12, M Gugelmin (Br), Leyton House, 6 laps; 13, R Moreno (Br), Benetton-Ford, 7 laps.
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: Drivers: 1, Senna, 30pts; 2, Berger, 10; 3, A Prost (Fr), 9; equal 4, N Piquet (Br) and R Patrese (It), 6; 6, J J Lehto (Fin), 4; equal 7, Martini and S Modena (It), 3; 9, Hakkinen and S Nakajima (Japan), 2; equal 11, A Suzuki (Japan), J Alesi (Fr) and Bailey, 1. Constructors: 1, McLaren, 40 pts; 2, Ferrari, 10; equal 3, Williams and Benetton, 6; 5, Tyrrell, 5; 6, Scuderia Italia, 4; equal 7, Lotus and Minardi, 3; 9, Larrousse, 1.

Hanley dogs St Helens and reclaims kingdom

PETE, a man once considered good enough a footballer to play in the same side as myself, rang me up the other day to ask if I had any suggestions for an ageing player whose pace had gone. "Cycle shorts," I said at once.

"You mean walking everywhere and spraying long visionary passes across the pitch?"

"Yes — but never mind the long passes. Just point a lot, and then tap the ball to someone two yards away. It'll work as long as you wear cycle shorts."

That was very much the tactic adopted on Saturday by Ellery Hanley, the greatest rugby player in the world, though he did not wear, or need to wear, cycle shorts to look distinctive. He contributed virtually nothing to Wigan's 13-8 victory over St Helens in the rugby league Silk Cut Challenge Cup final, but he was responsible for winning it all the same.

SIMON BARNES

The days before the game had been dominated by one of those traditional injury scares. This was no stunt, it turned out, but a genuine injury. The world and St Helens learnt half-an-hour before kick-off that Hanley would play. The Saints learnt rather too late that he was incapable of playing properly.

That announcement of Hanley's fitness must have been a ghastly moment for St Helens. For days, they had been hoping against hope that Wigan's leader, linchpin, heart and soul, would be a spectator. I was reminded of the time Malcolm Marshall, the West Indies fast bowler, broke his arm. England, preparing to bat, were overjoyed to be let off facing the demonic Marshall. Next thing, the demon was warming up ostentatiously outside the pavilion. England promptly collapsed to the Unstoppable Plastered Man. It was the nearness of the reprieve that had unhinged them.

St Helens were unhinged by the nearness of the reprieve from Hanley. In the first 12 tumultuous minutes, they threw away the game in a series of fumbles and muffed tackles. It was only when the dust had settled that they were able to measure Hanley's contribution. And it was negligible.

The emperor had no hamstring. He looked as ferocious and as purposeful as always, he did all the pointing and shouting and shaping of his side. But his usual tackle-busting explosiveness was missing; and so was his flat-out tackling. He played the game of an ordinary forward, a donkey, competent but uninspired.

But it was enough to inspire Wigan and, more important, to see St Helens start the game all wrong. When they realised the trick they had played on themselves, they came back with a storming last quarter, but it was too late.

You can, to an extent, quantify sporting ability: pace, power, elusiveness, ball-handling, vision, tackling, tactical nous. And on any such realistic scale, Wigan would have been a far stronger team without Hanley.

But teams do not necessarily work by the addition of talents. Some players have the ability to enter the equation as multiplying factors. Hanley's presence allowed Wigan to multiply their talents by two, because of the effect his presence has on his teammates, and, crucially, the effect his presence has on the opposition.

This is more than leadership, for all that Hanley is a leader through and through. Some players become totem figures: figures with whom success is associated. They need to be in the team even when their physicial contribution is minimal. Prince Rupert took his dog, Boy, to battle in the Civil War. The Roundheads believed it was possessed by a devil, and the dog's death on Marston Moor was a matter of huge rejoicing.

There are other examples of players whose presence is worth more than their physical ability, for all that their abilities are often considerable. Mike Brearley, Mervyn Hughes, Johan Cruyff, Bobby Charlton, Diego Maradona, Dean Richards, Imran Khan, Viv Richards . . . is this a new pub game? Spot the players who possess the Prince Rupert's Dog Factor. How about Lester Piggott?

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